

Police carrying a student who was wounded in the clash Tuesday in Jakarta.

Anti-Suharto Protests Turn Bloody in Jakarta

4 Killed and 20 Hurt as Police Fire on Students

By Mark Landler New York Times Service

JAKARTA — After three months of daily student protests, mostly in college towns scattered around the country, Indonesia's student movement turned bloody in the capital Tuesday, with security forces opening fire on students after they broke out onto a main highway here.

According to several witnesses, the violence started after a peaceful day of demonstrating by the students, who sang songs and called for the resignation of President Suharto. But when they refused to return to campus, the police clubbed them with truncheons and shot into the crowd, killing four and wounding at least 20.

The unrest was the most serious in doubt that the anti-government movement was limited to politically radical campuses in the hinterlands. The clashes Thesday occurred at the University of Trisakti, an elite private college in the shadow of the Jakarta ftnancial district. Many senior government and military officials send their children to the college.

'We were running when we heard shots," said a 22-year-old management student, who declined to give his name. "I saw my friend get shot in the neck. I also saw a girl fall down in front of me and get kicked in the head."

Riot police swarmed outside the campus gates Tuesday night, while inside, hundreds of students gathered in darkened courtyards, warning that po-

lice snipers were lurking on the rooftops. An administration building was converted into a makeshift first aid center, with bloodied gauze and handages littering the floor.

In a sign of how organized the demonstrators have become, they had compiled a list of dead and injured students within an hour of the attack. Still, as the students milled around in stifling night air heavy with the fumes of tear gas, most seemed dazed by the sudden outbreak of violence.

"They shot onto my campus," said a student named Awing, in a disbelieving tone. He, like many others, asserted that the protesters had not provoked the police before they opened fire. But one student said that just before the shoot-ing, the riot troops cocked their rifles. prompting taunts from the students.
On the highway next to the carry

occupied earlier in the day by cheering students, traffic inched over rocks and other debris and past a long line of armored vehicles with water cannons and troop transports. The road is one of Jakarta's most heavily traveled, coonecting the city center to the airport.

Jakarta was not the only place where student protests turned violent Tuesday. In Bandung, a college town 120 kilometers (75 miles) southeast of Jakarta, police clashed with 600 students, firing shots into the air and clubbing several with truncheons.

And in Kupang, a city in Timor 1,800 kilometers east of the capital, police fired tear-gas canisters to disperse a

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Clinton Vows to Punish India

Around World, Outrage Builds; Japan Ponders Massive Aid Cut

By Kevin Sullivan Bushington Post Service

TOKYO - Japan, the only country ever 10 suffer nuclear bombings, was at the forefront Tuesday of the world protest against India's resumption of nuclear testing, threatening to withhold aid worth more than a billion dollars.

The mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the two cities flattened by U.S. nuclear blasts at the end of World War II, sent letters of condemnation, and demonstrators in those cities and in Tokyo took to the streets in protests that were both angry and sad.

"I can't express in words what a shock it is," said Nagasaki's mayor, Itcho Ito, who called the three uoderground tests "an outrage that ravages the wishes of the victims and citizens" of his city.

In Hiroshima, where demonstrators staged a sit-in protest at the atomic bomb memorial, a 71-year-old survivor of the bombing. Akito Suemune, called In-dia's decision "strictly unforgivable."

Condemnation of the tests resounded around the world. In Russia, a traditional ally of India, President Boris Yeltsin said the world should pressure India to change its stance on ouclear testing. "India has let us down with its explosions," Mr. Yelisin said, "But 1

think that hy diplomatic means and with our visit to India we should hring about a change in its position." He is planning to visit India later this year. Ukraine, which gave up all its ouclear

warheads to Russia in 1996, invoked its Chernobyl nuclear tragedy in condemning India.

In a statement, the Foreign Ministry said: "Our state, whose people have suffered from terrible ouclear contamination," believes that no demand of security or defense "justifies the carrying out of nuclear tests." In Beijing. China joined in the crit-

icism, with state radio quoting the Foreign Ministry spokesman, Zhu Bangzao, as saying: "The Chinese government expresses grave concern about India conducting nuclear tests. India's conducting of nuclear tests runs against international trends and is detrimental to the peace and stability in South Asia." In Australia, Foreign Minister Al-

exander Dowoer said his government unreservedly condemns" the testing, which he said had outraged the world. New Zealand reportedly joined with Australia to propose a special session of

the 61-member Conference on Disarmament hacked by the United Natioos. The German foreign minister, Klaus Kinkel, called the tests "a serback for nternational efforts to bring about glob-

al disarmament and nonproliferation. German officials said they, too, were considering withholding foreign aid to

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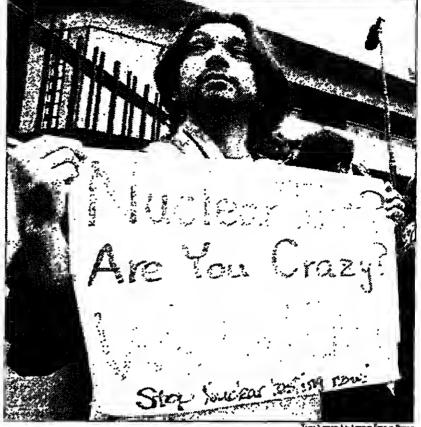
problems weighed oo Microsoft stock

briefly Tuesday, but the stock rebounded to close at \$84.625, up \$1.375.

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released on time — and then pulled back later because of a court injunction or

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A protester outside the Indian Embassy in Tokyo on Tuesday criticizing India's nuclear tests. Japan is threatening to cut \$1 billion in aid to India.

Test Victim: U.S. Strategy

India's Nuclear Blasts Will Resonate for Years

By R. Jeffrey Smith Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - In the milliseconds needed to set off a few nuclear bombs this week, the government of India hlew apart the Western world's long-standing strategy for preserving stability on the Asian Subcontinent and containing a dangerous nuclear arms race among India, China and Pakistan.

The seismic waves took just 20 minutes to dissipate in the Earth's crust. hut the consequences of the explosions will persist in Washington and other capitals for months if oot years. Virtually every aspect of Washington's relationships with India and Pakistan may to U.S. officials and independent ex-

No longer can the world claim only five declared nuclear powers — the United States. Russia, Britain, France and China — and three undeclared powers, India; Pakistan and Israel. With

scant regard for the admonitions of other members of the group. India has abruptly and loudly elbowed itself from the bottom into the top tier of this privileged elite.

An assumption of U.S. policy in the region for the past 25 years — that regional stability could be preserved through deliberate, polite ambiguity about In-

ANALYSIS dia's nuclear capabilities - becomes worthless. No one can ignore the country's weapons now — not in Pakistan, China or anywhere else near enough to be within reach of India's nuclear-capable bombers or the force of medium-range Agni ballistic missiles, which are in the

the immediate challenge of stopping the chain reaction that it had long predicted in the event of an Indian or Pakistani nuclear hlast, namely a de-

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Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif of Pakistan expressing his concern Tuesday.

AGENDA

Lockheed Wins Order of Up to \$6 Billion

chosen Lockheed Martin Corp. 's F-16 fighter over competing European aircraft in a deal that could be worth \$6 billion, a UAE official said Tuesday. The crown prince of Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Khalifa ibn Zaid al Nahayan,

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The United Arab Emirates has informed President Bill Clinton of the planned purchase in talks at the White House. The deal could cover as many as 80 of the multipurpose fighters.

The F-16 was chosen over the French-made Rafale and the Eurofighter, a new design marketed

hy a European consortium. Page 15.

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Spy Agencies **Under Attack** For Providing No Warning By Brian Knowlton

International Herald Tribune

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton vowed Tuesday to apply U.S. laws imposing strong sanctions against India after its underground nuclear tests, and he implored other countries in the region not to follow India down the

path of a dangerous arms race." 'I call on India to announce that it will conduct no further tests," Mr. Clinion said. He urged it to sign the Comprehensive Tesi Ban Treaty "now and without conditions."

The president, departing from prepared comments to a gathering on in-

Indian government is strongly supported at home. * Governing party planned blasts in '96. Page 6.

ternational crime, vowed to enforce 'very stringeot provisions" in U.S. law that deal with nuclear tests by nonnuclear nations.

'I intend to implement them fully,"

Mr. Clinton said he was "deeply disturbed" hy the three nuclear tests Monday and urged India's neighbors "not to follow suit" with blasts of their own. Other countries also reacted to the

tests with outrage. Japan, Australia and New Zealand withdrew their ambassadors in protest,

and the State Department ordered the U.S. ambassador to India, Richard Celeste, who was in Hawaii at the time, not to return to New Delhi. "This action hy India not only threatens the stability of the region,"

Mr. Clinton said, "it directly challenges the firm international consensus to stop nuclear proliferation. The three tests in the Indian desert,

which would have required intensive preparation, caught the U.S. government by surprise, officials said. A Republican senator, Richard Shelby

of Alabama, blamed intelligence agen-This means that Washington faces committee, of which he is chairman, would hold hearings on the matter as early as this week.

'It looks to me like this is a colossal failure of our intelligence-gathering system, perhaps the biggest one in re-cent years," Mr. Shelhy said. With warning, be added, U.S. officials and those in other countries could have put pressure on India to cancel its plans.

Michael McCurry, the presidential spokesman, said that the apparent lack of notice was 'certainly something that we'll be looking at carefully.

Mr. Clinton is expected to discuss possible international actions against India when he meets in Birmingham, Eng-

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Bertelsmann **Embraces** the **Global View**

By William Drozdiak Washington Post Service

GUETERSLOH, Germany modern global empire is taking shape in this small northern town, not far from the Teutoburg Forest where, legend has it, the German nation was born with the slaughter of Roman legions nearly 2,000 years ago.

The translucent glass offices next to an artificial lake create the impression of a junior college campus rather than a corporate behemoth. Inside the company cafeteria, young managers wolf down salads at the same tables where cleaning ladies eat their soup.

But the relaxed atmosphere at the

headquarters of Bertelsmann AG masks some ferocious amhidons. The company now ranks as the world's third-largest media conglomerate, after Time Warner and Disney, taking in about \$14 billion in revenue last year — and is pursuing aggressive expansion plans with the declared goal of becoming "the nerve center of tomorrow's information society."

Those plans led to the announcement last month that Bertelsmann planned to acquire Random House, the U.S. book

The race by leading German companies to grab a larger share of the U.S. market reflects how the modern global economy is dramatically transforming U.S.-German relations. The Bertelsmann acquisition of Random House, the Daimler-Benz purchase of Chrysler announced last week, and the recent decision by Siemens to buy the powergeneration division of Westinghouse all demonstrate how the private sector -

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Windows 98 Delay? PC Makers Shrug computer sales if its release is delayed. "It would not be a hig problem," said Mal Ransom, senior vice president for marketing at Packard Bell-NEC Inc. "I don't think consumers are sitting on their hands deciding whether to huy a PC based on whether it has Windows 95 or Windows 98." said Lawrence Sennett, a spokesman for Hewlett-Packard Co. "Our consumer husiness is running customers are asking for."

By Joel Brinkley
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Federal and state regulators are finalizing antitrust suits against Microsoft Corp. that could be filed as early as Thursday to block the introduction of Windows 98, officials said Tuesday.

But some of the leading U.S. personal computer mannfacturers are greeting the possibility of a delay with something

akin to a shrug.
While the Justice Department has not disclosed its precise strategy, state attorneys general have made no secret of their interest in blocking the release of Windows 98, which is scheduled to be shipped to computer manufacturers

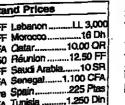
starting Friday.
And Sun Microsystems Inc., a hitter rival of Microsoft, filed a suit in Federal court on Tuesday that was intended to block the release of Windows 98 until Microsoft agreed to alter the program to include a version approved by Sun of the company's Java programming language.

Microsoft's leaders have repeatedly

warned of severe harm to the U.S. econorny if Windows 98 were beld back. But some leading manufacturers say they have seen no real demand for Windows 98 and would not expect a slowdown in

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Ulster Pact: A Tough Sell Proponents Find It Hard to Win Over the Wary

By Richard L. Berke New York Times Service

BELFAST - From the outset, the Northern Ireland peace accord reached last month was greeted with little eu-phoria among ordinary citizens.

Now several leaders who favor the accord -including British, Irish and American officials - acknowledge in interviews that persuading people to back the deal has been far more complicated than they had imagined.

Even designing a logo for the campaign here to approve the agreement has proved to be a problem. The London advertising agency Saatchi & Saatchi proposed three options: a dove, an olive branch or children. The logo was to be accompanied by a stark reminder of the harrowing violence that overwhelmed the province for years: photographs of

unruly mobs and hombed huildings. But wheo those images were tested among groups of prospective voters throughout Northern Ireland, the response was a resounding no.

"They said the love and peace symbols were too sappy," said Quintin Oliver, who runs the campaign for several political parties that favor the agreement. "They were saying, 'We've been through 30 dreadful years. We know this is not a peace deal — it is a political settlement that may lead to peace." Yet voters did not go for the violent

photographs either.
"They didn't want to hear about fear and apocalypse." Mr. Oliver said.
"They wanted a visioo of something more positive, but still realistic." The difficulty in creating a visual

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Who Ordered Town's Bombing? / Survivors Seek Answers From Madrid

Guernica Accepts German Apology but Awaits Another

By Marlise Simons New York Tymes Service

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UERNICA. Spain - Inaki Arzanegi, like others of his generation, can still speak with strong emotion of that spring day when Guernica was destroyed. It was a Monday, market day, and many farmers and their animals had come to town.

From the hillside where he and his friends were playing, they heard the church bells peal the alarm. What happened oext on the afternoon of April 26, 1937, gave this small Basque town its sorrowful place in history and inspired Picasso's most disturbing painting.

About 4 o'clock, Hitler's warplanes, helping

Franco in the Spanish Civil War, came diving over Guernica's crowded center and pounded in with explosive and incendiary bombs. The Heinkel and Junkers planes wiped out most of the medieval town and killed hundreds.

There was a sea of flames, and I couldn't find my home, 'said Mr. Arzanegi, who was 14 then. 'People were screaming. Everything was bombed or burning. I remember the moon was bright red."

Memories of that pandemonium come back every springtime. But this year is different. In this era of apologies, Guernica bas been offered repenuance from its aggressors. No sooner than 61 years after the event, the German Parliament has sent a formal apology.

In a declaration adopted on April 24, it rec-

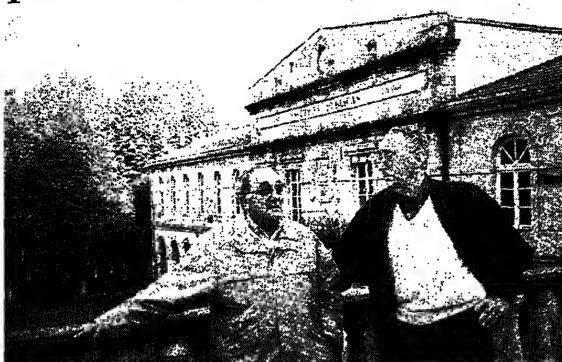
ognizes the role of "German pilots of the Condor Legion in the destruction of the town" and says it "endorses the apology" sent hy President Roman Herzog a year ago. Parliament also said it would change the names of German military barracks that are still named after members of the Condor Legion.

Guernica has taken the message from Bonn in stride. It was read out before a gathering of survivors, who listened to it silently during a

commemoration ceremony on April 26.
Guernica's mayor, Eduardo Vallejo, said the message was late but positive. "We live in a time of gestures, of people saying sorry as we get to the end of the century," he said, "So we also received some gestures." received some gestures.

To be sure, other cities have suffered far more during warfare. But Guernica entered the world's vocabulary because of Picasso's tumultuous portrait and because this was history's first air bornbardment of an undefended town, aimed solely at terrorizing civilians.

Yet this small town, set between lush mountains and the sea, has gradually made its peace



with Germany and made the bomhardment part of its idenoty.

But Guernica's real unfinished business is not with Bonn or Berlin, but with Madrid, And rather than being about remorse, this is about the pur-

ging value of truth. Franco never admitted that his forces, with the help of Nazi and Italian pilots, destroyed the Basque town. He asserted instead that leftist Basque radicals had themselves set fire to it. The official lie, imposed by censorship, forced Guernica to live with its horrendous secret and compounded its pain. The anger over it still endures.

"It was like a pressure cooker here," the mayor said of Franco's authoritarian rule, which lasted unol his death in 1975, "We could only talk about the 'events' or the 'fires,' because saying the word 'bombing' was subversive.'

Luis Iriondo, another survivor who can still peak of the drone of the planes and the eerie blue ight of the firebomhs as though the air raid

happened yesterday, concurred.

"The German apology is all right," he said.

"With that they admitted the truth. Now the German Parliament has done what the Spanish Parliament and the Spanish military never did."

Today's history books tell a more accurate story. But a group of citizens who have created a small war museum want access to the Spanish military archives in Madrid. The mayor said he and others had repeatedly asked the military hut never received a reply. The mayor also wants a formal apology from the Spanish Parliament.

NE ISSUE that has dogged historians is whether Franco's forces authorized the intense bombing or whether Germans went far beyond a Spanisb re-

quest to cut off a road and a hridge.
"We want to know what instructions the pilots had," said Juan Gutierrez, the head of a local peace foundation.

The small stone bridge was never hit, yet the town was firebombed. The number of dead was never established. Estimates range from a few hundred to more than 1,600. Records were seized as Franco's troops arrived three days later.

Since the war, Guernica has rebuilt and grown into a town of 15,000 people who live off small industries, farming and trade. Germany is paying \$1.9 million toward a new sports center as a 'gesture of peace.'

Inaki Arzanegi, left, with Luis Iriondo, survivors of the firebombing of Guernica by the German Luftwaffe in 1937, in front of the town's school, which was spared during the raid.

Tourists stroll under the arcades and visit the sites that were saved, including the remains of the famous oak tree where the ancient Basque Parliament met and Spanish monarchs would come and swear to respect Basque rights. People here believe that Guernica was chosen as a target because it is a sacred place for the Basques.

Then there is the continuing tug-of-war over Picasso's "Guernica." The town has asked to borrow it from the Queen Sofia Art Center in Madrid, because people here see the painting not as the world-famous portrait of catastrophe hut as their own emblem.

'In the years we couldn't talk, many people had a copy of the painting in their home as a quiet said Mr. Iriondo, a painter himself. We bave writteo to Queen Sofia to belp bring it here. This is its moral home."

The new Guggenheim Museum in nearby Bilbao fought to show the painting at its inauguration last fall, but it, too, was rebuffed. The reason given was that the enormous painting was too fragile to travel. But the suspicion lingers that Madrid will not let it go because it fears that once the painting goes to the Basque region, it may become po-litically difficult to return it to Madrid.

27 Lawmakers In Japan Hail Film on Tojo, **War Criminal**

By Sonni Efron Los Angeles Times Service

TOKYO - In a gesture likely to trigger fresh acrimony between Japan and its Asian neighbors, 27 conservative lawmakers from the governing Liceral Democratic Party have warmly endorsed a new movie about General Hideki Tojo, the Japanese prime minister who was tried and executed as a war criminal after World War IL

Japanese and foreign critics say that the film 'Pride: A Fateful Moment' which is scheduled to open here May 23 glorifies General Tojo and pornays had invasion of Asia as a just campaign by Japan to liberate its neighbors from Western colonial rule.

"Hideki Tojo was the chief criming of that war of aggression," the Chines Foreign Ministry spokesman. Zim Bangzao, said Saturday. "We feel shocked and indignant over the fact that some people in Japan produced such movie to whitewash aggression." North Korea also condemned the film

Still, the guest list for Monday's screening of the Toei studio's \$11 million epic included prominent members of the Liberal Democraoc Party's right wing Seven of the lawmakers — including at least two former cabinet ministers and the son of a war criminal executed with General Tojo -- held a news conference after the screening to endorse the filmmakers' view that the Tokyo war-crimes trials, conducted by the Allies, were grossly unfair and a vehicle for imposing the victors' predetermined judgments on the vanquished.

A lawmaker, Masahiro Koga, said that be could not say whether strocities were committed at Nanjing, where the Chinese say 300,000 men, women and children were massacred by Japanese soldiers. "The most important thing is to recognize that there are a lot of different interpretations of history," Mr. Koga asserted.

Another Liberal Democratic Party member, Kenzo Yoneda, said that the war-crimes tribunal, which concluded in 1948, should be reconvened in an international court. "Japan was made out to be the only villain in the war, but that doesn't mean it should be declared to have been eotirely in the wrong either," Mr. Yoneda said.

He and other lawmakers suggested that the U.S. firebombing of Tokyo and atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Na-gasaki should also be treated as war

General Tojo attempted suicide but eventually was hanged in 1948 after his conviction by an international tribunal hat found him to be the architect of the Japanese wartime campaign, particularly in Southeast Asia and China.

Repeated episodes in which Japanese officials have attempted to minimize or deny wartime misdeeds have outraged the Chinese, Koreans and other Asians for decades. But recently, Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto has tried to mend fences. Last year, be roured a war museum in Manchuria, the region of oortheastern China that was once a lapanese colony, and apologized for the pain that Japan bad caused there.

In Bulgaria, Tiny Handguns Are Easy to Get

By Joseph Fitchett International Herald Tribune

SOFIA — For an ordinary tourist or a terrorist - few things could be handgun that looks like a key chain

To get directions to a gun shop, all a journalist needed to do one day this week was ask the concierge at a hotel, the local flagship of a prestigious international chain frequented by wellbeeled tourists and husiness people.

It was a five-minute walk to Pirotska Street, largely indistinguishable from other shopping streets in central Sofia with its broken curbs and myriad shops advertising in the Cyrillic script of the Bulgarian language. One sign stood out

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because it carried the Eoglish words "Winchester" and "Beretta."

In the store's sbowcase, only ooe item was priced in dollars: a tiny black metal handgun that fit easily into an adult's easier in Bulgaria than huying a tiny palm. Resembling a pocket flashlight, handgun that looks like a key chain these two-shot guns are deceptive airports or public buildings, U.S. officials fear, making them potential ter-

rorist weapons.
For \$25, a journalist was able to buy one of these of these two-sbot weapons,. together with two .32-caliber cartridges and instructions in Bulgarian. No other formalides were involved.

The dealer - like ooe of his colleagues across town in a more upscale neighborhood on General Skobelev Boulevard - explained that these pistols were made for self-defense using

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But a Western expert said that the a distress signal and is delivered with pins in the muzzle to block a bullet leaving the barrel.

pins could be easily removed to make sound like gadgets pistol is cocked by twisting a ring at one end, then fired by pressing buttons on top of the barrels. In a terrorist's hands, this weapon

would be of limited value, the expert continued, because security guards ought to spot it as a gun, especially after a space of recent publicity. Its metal content is too high to pass through a metal detector without setting off alarms, he said, so it can only get through security if passed off as a key

Bulgarian newspapers have published pictures bave not surfaced in commercial markets.

The biggest demand for these guns is in Macedonia," a Softa Macedonia, a Sofia newspaper said Monday, without providing any statistics. The implication was that the miniature guns could be useful in the civil strife, verging on



civil war, that has broken out in threaten to spill over Kosovo, the troubled Yugoslav Bulgaria's neighbor. threaten to spill over into Macedonia,

TRAVEL UPDATE

New EU Fight Over Duty-Free

BRUSSELS (Reuters) --European Union finance ministers will come under renewed pressure Tuesday 10 reconsider the 1999 end to

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abolicon of duty-free sales next year will affect jobs.

Separately, the Federation of Transport Unions - fearing for members' jobs — plans to mount a vigil at the Brussels building where ministers will meet.

Worn 737 Parts

WASHINGTON (AP) -Inspectors examining groun-ded Boeing 737s are still finding a significant number of worn fuel pump tubes, some exposing frayed wiring, the Federal Aviation Administraoon reported.

As of Monday night, 192 fuel pump tubes on 96 planes had been inspected. Half showed signs of wire abrasion of some degree: the agency reported chafing in 50 of the metal tubes — six of them down to bare wire.

Italian gas station attendants planned Tuesday to strike through early Friday in protest against planned closings of stations. (Reuters)

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In Japan A Chastened Jeb Bush Makes 2d Attempt to Become Florida's Governor



Jeb Bush presenting his low-key platform to Jewish Democrats in Miami.

By Mireya Navarro
New York Times Service

MIAMI - Leaning into the microphone before a rapt audience of about 125 people, Jeb Bush related how he went through a midlife crisis after losing the Florida governor's race in 1994 and emerged a better man.

"I have been changed in the last four years," he said. "I started listening

Mr. Bush had come to Temple Israel here to address a gathering of Jewish Democrats, not exactly a support group for a Republican baring his soul. But in his second bid for the governorship, Mr. Bush, a Miami businessman and the son of former President George Bush, seems to have undergone a transformation.

He is reaching "outside my comfort zone." as be puis it, to groups he might have ignored in the past, toning down conservative talk and staying away from divisive issues.

So while in 1994 Mr. Bush flaunted a hard-edge conservative stance by advocating cuts in welfare, locking up criminals for looger periods and dis-maniling the Education Department, this year he visits schools and shelters for abused women to talk about raising public school standards, restoring 'compassion' to child welfare services and extending a state land-acquisition program for environmental protection.

After losing in 1994 by the narrowest margin in a governor's race in Florida's history, to Governor Lawton Chiles, a Democrat, John Ellis Bush, 45, is determined to do it right this time and extend his family's political dynasty. He has a formidable lead in the polls, no primary opposition so far and three times the campaign money raised by his

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closest Democratic rival. He is, in short, well on his way to completing a Republican takeover of state government in the fourth most populous state, solidifying his party's preeminence in the South. With his brother, Governor George Bush of Texas, considered a likely contender for the Republican presidential nomination in 2000, Jeb Bush could also be setting the stage for one of the more extraordinary family acts in American political

Florida is a rich prize in the Republican presidential primary season, and the support of its governor is a great advantage for those who seek it. And as Jeb Bush put it, "It would be a shock if

a brother didn't support a brother."
Few expect his current, 18-point lead in the polls to hold for the six months to Election Day, and Mr. Busb bimself, perhaps remembering the lead he lost in 1994, says he is campaigning as if he were 10 points down.

Still, in the words of former State Senator Rick Dantzler, one of three resentative Willie Logan from being in

Democrats vying to challenge him, Mr. Bush at the moment is "as strong as 20 acres of onion."

Despite the high stakes, 1998 finds the Democrats in Florida with a faltering from-runner for the party's nom-ination, a serious rift with black political leaders and with what some experts say appears to be a defeatist attitude.

Last week, the Florida Democratic Party's chairwoman for the last five years, Terrie Brady, resigned in a move seen by political experts as a way to appease those who blamed her for the

party's troubles.

The leader among the three Democraoc candidates in the September primary, Lieutenant Governor Kenneth MacKay, is on a continuing slide in early polls, trailing Mr. Busb 35 percent to 53 percent in the latest poll, last month.
As of March, Mr. MacKay had raised
S2.1 million, less than half the \$6.3 mil-

lion in Mr. Bush's campaign coffers.

More significantly for Mr. MacKay,
many Democratic leaders are openly

quescioning his ability to win. 'They're running scared,' said Richard Scher, a political scientist at the University of Florida, "At this point it's

really Mr. Busb's campaign to lose." The biggest problem for the Democrats bas been a revolt in their own ranks. It erupted after Democratic state legislators last January kept State Rep-

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line to become the first black speaker of the Florida House.

To many black poliocal leaders, the incident showed that the party was not willing to share power with them and, worse, that it took one of its most loyal constituencies for granted.

Since then, a wide group of black political and civic leaders has encouraged black voters to become "free agents" and made Mr. Bush, who received only 6 percent of the black vote in 1994, a regular at their dinners and receptions.

We need to be involved in both parties," said Mary Hooks, a West Palm Beach city commissioner and black Democrat who serves as a vice chairwoman in Mr. Busb's campaign. "The window of opportunity is now open for Jeb Bush.

But Mr. Bush has a delicate line to tread in trying to reconcile the interests of such diverse constituencies as blacks, economic conservatives who are also social liberals, like Cubans, and Christian conservatives, who are a power-house in Florida's Republican Party.

So far, Mr. Bush's strategy, in a state where Democrats still barely lead Republicans in voter registration, and where many women of both parties object to his stance against abortion, has been to try to broaden his appeal and stay away from issues "that are a lot of beat and not enough light," like affirmative action.

Reno Asks for 7th Independent Counsel

New Prosecutor to Investigate Charges Against Labor Secretary Herman

By Roberto Suro Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Attorney General Janet Reno has requested the appointment of an independent counsel to investigate allegations that Labor Sec-etary Alexis Herman took part in an influence-peddling scheme while she served as a White House aide during President Bill Clintoo's first term.

The decision followed what senior officials characterized as an agonized weekloog debate within the Justice Department about whether to recommend an outside prosecutor. A preliminary inquiry found some corroboration for the allegations but, as Ms. Reno put it Monday, "no evidence clearly demonstrating Secretary Herman's involvement."

The move by Ms. Reno, which came only minutes before the attorney general's deadline to make her recommendation to the special three-judge panel . that oversees independent counsels, marks the seventh time Ms. Reno has sought an outside counsel to invesogate alleged wroogdoing by Mr. Clinton or a senior administration official,

Laurent Yene, an African businessman, set the inquiry in motion by claiming that Ms. Herman accepted cash and consulting fees in exchange for arranging access to the White House and doing other favors for businessmen needing belp from the federal govern-ment. Mr. Yene also alleged that Ms. Herman sought illegal campaign contributions from those businessmen to assure favorable treatment.

Ms. Herman called the allegations "false from the very beginning" and told reporters: "I am very disappointed and extremely baffled by this decision today." In a statement, President Clintoo said, "I am confident that in the end, investigators will also conclude that Ms. Herman did nothing wrong.

During a probe lasting 150 days, the maximum permitted by law, Justice officials were unable to resolve the credibility of Mr. Yene's allegations but Ms. Reno decided that she was obliged to seek an outside investigation and noted that certain aspects of Mr. Yene's story

had been corroborated.

The independent counsel process was created after the Watergate scandal to prevent an attorney general from invesogating senior officials of the same administration. Unless a preliminary investigation can show conclusively that allegations are false, an attorney general must seek an independent counsel.

The memorandum on the case to Ms. Reno from the department's public integrity section recommended requesting an independent counsel, but in a sign of an unusual strong internal debate, it also included a section arguing the opposite view, according to a department

High-Tech Visas All Gone

WASHINGTON - The Immigration and Naturalization Service has stopped issuing visas for temporary high-tech workers, saying that it bas reached the category's annual limit.

Senator Spencer Abraham, Republican of Michigan and sponsor of a hill to address what he calls a "criocal shortage of high-tech workers," said that the announcement made passage of his measure "urgent" and that be hoped for a vote this week. But the Clinton administration opposes raising the cap without also reforming the visa program for these foreign employees to protect U.S. workers and provide more training for Americans seeking entry into high-tech fields,

Moreover, groups representing U.S. technology workers say that reports of a labor shortage have been vastly exaggerated by employers who want to use immigration to

The visa program, called H-1 B, allows as many as 65,000 skilled foreign workers to enter the United States every year

on "temporary" visas valid for up to six years.
Unless legislatioo raises the cap, the Immigratioo and Naturalization Service said, employers now may petition for new H-1B workers only if their employment begins on or after Oct. 1, when a new 65,000 visa limit takes effect with the start of fiscal 1999. Mr. Abraham says his bill would raise the cap to 105,000 over the next five years and

provide 20,000 college scholarships for low-income students. Opponents say the complex proposal would raise the cap to 115,000 a year starting in 1999, because it would add unused visas from other categories to the allotment for high-tech workers.

Targeting International Crime

WASHINGTON — Calling for "a global community of crime fighters," President Bill Clinton proposed Tnesday a series of steps to control the threat from international terrorism, drug trafficking, illegal immigration and money

"International crime requires an international re-sponse," Mr. Clinton sald. "America is prepared to act alone when it must, but no naoon can control crime by itself

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James Rubin, the State Department spokesman, when asked about the view of pundits that Secretary of State Madeleine Albright had given mixed signals in the administration's Middle East policy. "The pundits have to pundit and they have to earn a living writing things they know nothing about and, in this case, they don't know what they're talking about.'

Smoke From Mexico Drifts Over the U.S.

The Associated Press MIAMI - Smoke from thousands of forest fires raging in south-

eastern Mexico drifted nearly 2,000 miles, shrouding skylines from Miami to the Mississippi Delta.

"For the last four days, the smoke has been spreading out over the Gulf of Mexico and hooking up into the central and southeastern United States, said Joseph Prospero, director of the Cooperative Institute for Marine and Atmospheric Stud-

ics at the University of Miami. "There is a substantial amount of smoke in our air," be said, but added that the soot was probably too high above the ground to affect people's breathing or register on polluoon monitors.

The fires were started in January by farmers clearing land. Arsonists, too, are blamed for some of the more than 9,000 separate blazes that have swept through about 550,000 acres (220,000 bectares). **Anti-Missile System Goes 0-for-5**

WASHINGTON — The Penta- against missile attack. gon's missile defense system failed a fifth attempt to intercept a target on zero-for-five," said a Pentagon of-

Tuesday.

The Theater High-Alotude Area Defense, or THAAD system, built by Lockheed Martin Corp., failed to intercept a target in a flight test at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, the Pentagon said.

It appeared to be caused by a booster rocket problem.

"Preliminary investigation indicates that the THAAD missile lost control shortly after launch," the statement said.

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The interceptor missile and target debris landed on the missile range,

the statement said.

"Analysis of the flight data is under way to determine the cause of the malfunction," the statement added.

The failure is a major blow to the THAAD program, which has been the cause of the Pentagon's efforts to develop a national missile defense shield.

Senate Republicans, impadent with the pace of the Pentagon's efforts to develop a national missile defense and affect debate provided to put the program into effect.

Crides argued that the legislation would commit the United States to deploy a technology that has not yet defense system are pressing to com-

"This was the fifth flight test -

The THAAD system is designed to provide U.S. forces in the field protection from attack by Scud and other short- and medium-range missiles. Its technology involves "hit-ting a bullet with a bullet," a technical challenge the program's designers and managers have so far

failed to meet. THAAD is designed to provide broader defensive coverage than the Patriot missile system first used in the 1991 Gulf War. The failure could have implications beyond theater

to defend U.S. troops in the field mit the nation to such a shield even before the technology is fully developed.

The legislation, which already has 50 sponsors in the chamber, drew the strong opposition of the Clinton administration and its Senate allies, who are threatening to block the bill

through delaying factics.

The bill by Seoators Thad Cochran, Republican of Mississippi,
and Daniel Inouye, Democrat of Hawaii, has wide Republican support. It would direct the Pentagoo to deploy such a system as soon as

technology permitted.

The administration's present program requires identifying an emerg-ing ballistic missile threat first, then,

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Away From Politics

• The FBI reported that 64 law enforcement officers were murdered in the line of duty nationwide last year, up from 56 in 1996. Handguns were used in 43 of the murders, rifles in 12, and shotguns in 6. Two officers were stabled and one was killed by a blow from an assailant's fists or feet. Three were killed with their own weapons.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani has asked the New York City 3 government to treat unmarried couples the same as those who are married. He proposed legislation that would allow people to retain apartment leases when their partners die and be buried with them in city-owned cemeteries. It would also obligate the city to give registered domestic partners the same benefits as spouses under future collective bargaining agreements. (AP)

• Following a congressional directive, the Postal Service will issue a stamp next year designed to encourage early detection and treatment of prostate cancer.

(AP)

• A former female cadet at The Citadel who sued over alleged sexual barassment and physical abuse has settled her case for \$33,750. The state-supported Sonth Carolina military college was not named as a defendant, but it paid the former cadet, Kim Messer, \$15,000 as part of the settlement to stave off a semarate largerit.

• An Amtrak train rounded a curve at 50 miles per hour and struck and killed a man who was trying to rescue his dog from the tracks, officials said in Ventura, California. (AP)

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After Exit Poll, He Asks Rivals to Concede

By Keith Richburg Hushington Post Service

MANILA --- Joseph Estrada, the populist vice president who is idolized by the poor masses but who worries the country's elite appeared to insist that they could still win and Jead in exit polls after the Philippine to warn of a "sinister plot" to try to presidential election.

The exit poll, conducted by the Social Weather Stations group for results are known. the Philippine television station ABS-CBN, showed Mr. Estrada wanted a second six-year term but is leading the crowded field of candidates with 38.7 percent of the vote. His closest rival, Jose de Venecia, the prematurely assuming any winner. administration-backed candidate also endorsed by much of the coun-'try's establishment, was far behind in now, it's just too early.' second place, with 16.45 percent of the vote, according to the exit poll.

Mr. Estrada's 22-point lead over

Mr. de Venecia would translate into the bag. 6 million votes out of 27 million cast Given its 1.5 percentage-points mar-gin for error, the exit poll pointed to be gentlemen. They should concede a complete popular repudiation not defeat as soon as possible."

Mr. Estrada also called on his but also the Roman Catholic Church, which vigorously opposed Mr. Estrada because of his admitted past passions for women and drink.

Official results are not expected for about two weeks, because of the apparently was not enough to bol-Jaborious process of counting the 27 million paper ballots hy hand, in the presence of observers, and then sending all the results to a central tabulation center in Manila. But the first official results, of just 2 percent of the votes counted, also showed and daughter of a former president. Mr. Estrada with a commanding lead over the rest of the pack.

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Pre-election surveys had also pre-dicted that Mr. Estrada, a former star of action movies known for his pompadour hairstyle and mangled English, would win easily.

condition voters' minds to an Estrada victory even before the final

President Fidel Ramos, who prohibited by a constitutional oneterm limit, cautioned Tuesday against "We need not speculate at this

time," Mr. Ramos said. "Right Mr. Estrada himself has practically declared victory, saying Tuesday that his election was "already in

ensure there is no cheating during the official counting process that

might roh him of his victory. But Mr. Estrada's likely victory ster his running mate, Senator Edgardo Angara. The exit poll showed that the vice presidency. which is elected separately, would be won by another senator, Gioria Macapagal-Arroyo, an economist

The popular and photogenic Mrs. Macapagal-Arroyo bears a striking resemblance to a popular actress, and she used her youthful good lonks to her advantage, posing on campaign posters smiling and holding a red rose. The exit poll showed her with

more than 50 percent of the vote. Ten candidates contested the presidency — or 11 counting Imelda Marcos, whose last-minute withdrawal did not stop her from gaining votes from diehard loyalists of her husband, Ferdinand Marcos.



He also called on his rivals to Traffic aides, who usually patrol Manila's crowded streets, removing campaign posters Tuesday.

of the dictator known as Bongbong. leading in the race for governor of Mr. Marcos's native ilocos Norte so much money' in lawyers' fees. Province, and with Imee, a daughter, leading in her race to represent the province in Congress.

Imelda Marcos herself may benefit from an Estrada victory, as he has hinted that he might pardon her of a conviction for amassing hidden wealth during her husband's 20-

In a weekend interview, he also

Despite her withdrawal, the Mar- said he would try to close down the background in economics. cos family stands to benefit from the election, with Ferdinand Jr., the son missing Marcos money, saying. The government is always the loser here because we have to spend

> wealth - well, we'll see how to solve this problem." Mr. Estrada said. appeared to shake off the news

populist rhetoric and lack of any relying on regional loyalties.

In Manila trading, the peso rose slightly, with the dollar slipping to 39.15 pesos from 39.40 on Monday. while in New York it dropped to

38.10 pesos from 39.00. The benchmark Manila stock in-"After 12 years, this Marcos The benchmark Manila stock in-wealth — this so-called Marcos dex finished up 4.56 points, or 0.21 percent, at 2,214.52.

The exit poll pointed to an in-The currency and stock markets teresting voting trend, suggesting that while the vice president enjoyed Tuesday of Mr. Estrada's apparent support nationwide, the various lead, even though most executives trailing presidential candidates have expressed concern about his largely split the anti-Estrada vote by support nationwide, the various

Israeli Supreme Court to Have Its First Arab Judge Next Year

JERUSALEM — Israel has in Hebron in the West Bank.

named its first Arab judge to the Supreme Court, the Justice Ministry spoke said Mr. Zuabi, a judge in the said Tuesday.

was the sole Israeli Arab to serve on a five-member commission of inquiry into the 1994 massacre by a Zuabi would, at least temporarily, received below-average states settler. Dr. Baruch Gold-fill one of the court's 14 seats starting dies, especially in education.

A Justice Ministry spokesman said Mr. Zuabi, a judge in the Dis-trict Court of Nazareth, in northern The judge, Abd Rahman Zuabi, Israel, had been chosen because of his "experience and seniority."

The spokesman said that Judge

stein, of 29 Palestinians at a mosque in a year's time. After six months, a judicial appointments committee will choose a permanent judge.

Israeli Arabs, who make up about 1 million of Israel's 5.9 million citizens, have long complained of discrimination by the state. A state comptroller's report last week found that Arab towns received below-average state subsi-

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22 Killed in Algerian Attack

ALGIERS — Twenty-two people were massacred overnight near Oran, Algeria's second-largest city, security services said Tuesday.

The massacre on Monday night was near Ras El Ain, a few kilometers west of Arzew in a region that has a reputation for being dangerous. The security forces did not say whether the victims were killed in a raid on their homes or whether they were intercepted at a false roadblock erected by Islamists, a common practice of the

The massacre came after a hull of several weeks. During Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting, more than 1,000 civilians were slaughtered. (AFP)

New Iraqi Appeal to UN Chief

PARIS - The United Nations secretary-general, Kofi Annan, said Tuesday that Iraq wanted to cooperate with UN weapons inspectors and was now honoring obligations in its effort to get trade sanctions lifted.

Mr. Annan spoke after a 30-minute meeting with the Iraqi deputy prime minister, Tariq Aziz, who pleaded for

an end to the sanctions.

"The time has come to lift the sanctions, which have gone on for a very long time and which have had a lot of painful results," Mr. Aziz said in a brief news conference. here outside the Hotel Crillon.

Mr. Annan met with France's president, Jacques Chirac, just before his talks with Mr. Aziz. France, a past ally of Bagbdad, is pressing for the sanctions to be lifted.

Mr. Annan said that he and Mr. Aziz reviewed the Feb.

23 agreement that unblocked a crisis over UN weapons inspections. Under the agreement, Iraq agreed to open all sites to weapons inspectors, including President Saddam Hussein's palaces.

(AP)

For the Record

General Fernando Laudazabal Reyes, a former Colombian Army commander who was forced to step down as defense minister because of his hard-line stand down as defense minister because of his hard-line stand against leftist guerrillas, was shot and killed Tuesday, the police said. The general was shot by three men as he walked from his house in Bogota to his office nearby, the police said. The suspects escaped. General Landazabal had been active in rightist politics. He ran for a seat in the Senate and was defense minister during the administration of President Politics of President Politics. tration of President Belisario Betancur.

The leader of a banana workers' movement who took on major U.S. fruit companies for using toxic, pesticides has been shot and killed in Honduras, authorities said Tuesday. Two men attacked Medardo Varela, 53, on Sunday in Sava, 280 kilometers (175 miles) north of the capital, Tegucigalpa. Mr. Varela led a movement that tried to get compensation for 5,000 Honduran workers who were affected by pesticides. (AP)

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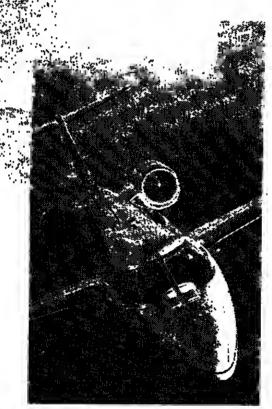
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Indian Governing Party Planned Tests in '96 but Lost Office

By Kenneth J. Cooper Washington Post Service

NEW DELHI - Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who announced Monday that India had conducted three underground nuclear tests, wanted to proceed with such testing in 1996, but his minor-ity coalition government fell before technical prep-in his first stint as prime minister, Mr. Vajps arations could be made; sources said Tuesday. The Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party,

which leads the current coalition government and formed the short-lived minority government in

If it was a politically appealing promise, according to national opinion polls, it was also the kind of campaign theroric that many Western diplomats here mistakenly discounted as unlikely to be put into effect because the poor nation of 950 provided a similar account. Shortly after he left million would risk international sanctions. But the office in 1996, Mr. Vajpayee said he had actually Hindu nationalist party meant every word.

throughout our life," Pramod Mahajan, a Vajpayee aide, said Tuesday.

The day after the nuclear tests stunned the world, Brahma Chellaney, a defense analyst, also rewhile the United States and other countries conported in an interview with the private ZEE-TV testing escaped satellite detection, if they did. Mr. government was notified in advance.

national strength and security.

Former Prime Minister H. D. Deve Gowda, who succeeded Mr. Vajpayee in 1996, called it 'an

In his first stint as prime minister, Mr. Vajpayee did not have time to do much, but his 1996 tenure lasted long enough for him to explore the possibility of conducting a nuclear test. India's nuclear scientists informed him that it would take a month 1996, has long promised to move India closer for them to prepare for such testing, according to toward making nuclear weapons.

Mohan Guruswamy, who drafted the national se-

curity section of the party's platform.

The minority coalition government did not have that long, though. It collapsed in just two weeks.

Dhirendra Sharma, an anti-nuclear activist. ordered nuclear testing but government scientists same Pokhran testing site for an underground blast did not want to do so unless his government won a in late 1995 but dropped the plan after American parliamentary vote of confidence, Mr. Sharma re-

day, smiled at journalists assembled on the lawn and dryly announced that India had conducted the tests that afternoon. Then he left without answering

After just two months in power, Mr. Vajpayee's government has dared to do what nine previous governments had not done in the 24 years since India first detonated a nuclear device when Indira Gandhi was prime minister. India crossed the threshold and virtually declared itself a nuclear veanons state.

Mr. Mahajan, asked why this government had tested when previous ones had not, replied: "You needed a bold prime minister to take a decision." At least one of Mr. Vajpayee's predecessors, P. V. Narasimha Rao, ordered preparation of the not be conducted until after a strategic defense same Pokhran testing site for an underground blast review by a new national security council. The intelligence agencies detected the activity and U.S. officials protested.

templated imposing sanctions, India celebrated. Parties across India's political spectrum, except Communists, praised the testing as an assertion of national strength and security.

Channel that Mr. Vajpayee's previous government of planned to test. As prime minister in a somewhat policy analyst, suggested that U.S. attention might have been intentionally diverted to a site in eastern strolled out of his official residence at dusk Monabout three hours earlier Monday.

The Vajpayee government also managed to keep its plans secret for a month in a capital rife with news leaking and rumor mongering. Only a handful of members of the 40-member cabinet had advance knowledge, as did the prime minister's closest aides; sources said:

President K. R. Narayanan, whose role is largely ceremonial but who technically serves as commander in chief, was not informed until Sunday after his return from an official visit to South America, a Western diplomat said. A desire to maintain secrecy prompted the government to vi-olate a promise that Defense Minister George Fernandes made last March that nuclear tests would review has not been completed.

"You cannot debate, discuss and then do a nuclear test," Mr. Mahajan said. Brajesh Mishra, It is unclear how preparations for Monday's the prime minister's top aide, said that no foreign

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Mine Blast Leaves 7 Dead in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO - At least seven people were killed and eight wounded when a mine exploded near the northern Sri Lankan town of Vavuniya on Tuesday, police and military officials said.

They said two vehicles carrying members of the Democratic People's Liberation Front were heavily damaged from the explosion while traveling east of Vavuniya, 220 kilometers (130 miles) north of

the capital, Colombo.

Five of the dead were Liberation Front members and included a senior party functionary from the area, Sellathurai Das, the police said. Two girls also died.

Akihito to Honor Ex-British Prisoners

TOKYO - Emperor Akihito of Japan said Thursday he would remember former British prisoners of war who were still suffering from the scars of World War II during his

visit to Britain later this month. Emperor Akihito and his wife, Empress Michiko, are to leave for a two-week trip to Portugal, Britain and Denmark on May 23. (Reuters)

Malaysia Appeals For Smog Funds

KUALA LUMPUR - The Malaysian government on Tuesday asked nongovernmental organizations to help establish a fund to fight smoke from forest and bush fires in the region.

But the groups said they first wanted to define their role in combating smog caused by the fires before agreeing on a fund, a spokesman for the World Wide Fund for Nature Malaysia said. Environment Minister Law Hieng Ding met representatives of about 20 nongovernmental groups to discuss the fund.

UN Aide in Burma For Talks on Drugs

RANGOON - A senior United Nations official has met with Burma's ruling military leaders on government efforts to cradicate opium production, news reports said

In talks Monday, Pino Arlacchi, executive director of the UN Drug Abuse Control and Crime Prevention Organization, and Lieutenant General Khin Nyunt, who is Secretary One of Burma's ruling State Peace and Development Council, discussed combating drug abuse, cultivation of opium-substitute crops and development natters, the

New Delhi's 'Bang' Brings Acclaim at Home

By John F. Burns New York Times Service

NEW DELHI - The Indian government won overwhelming support at home Tuesday for three nuclear tests it conducted at a desert testing range on Monday, but senior officials appeared to be bracing themselves for the possibility of punitive economic steps by the United States, Britain, Japan and other nations that have helped sustain the Indian econ-

omy with aid, trade credits and loans. Endorsement of the nuclear blasts came from most of India's influential newspapers, from leading opposition politicians, from student groups, and even from a grandson of Mohandas K. Gandhi, the apostle of nonviolence who led India's freedom struggle. Crucially for the Hindu nationalists who lead a fragile 14-party government, the explosions seemed also to have been enormously popular with voters.

Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayce, 72, who announced the tests in a terse statement on Monday, awoke Tuesday to headlines hailing the blasts as a rite of passage for India. "India Flexes Nuclear Muscle," declared The Indian Express, one of the country's most-widely circulated English-language papers. "Ex-plosion of Self-Esteem" said The Pioneer, another paper, above a front-page editorial describing international condemnation of the tests as hypocrisy, especially coming from countries like the United States with yast unclear arsenals

of their own. "India has arrived on the threshold of superpower status, literally with a bang," the editorial said. After listing the probable consequences for India, including American economic sanctions, a renewed arms race with Pakistan, a return to hostile relations with China, and the loss of any hope that India might gain Security Council, the Pioneer editorial said that all this would be acceptable if the blasts forced the world to abandon its leave alone others.

More cautious Indian commentators, seemingly a small minority, saw such reactions as premature, especially since the full consequences of the tests could not be reckoned without knowing the reaction of Pakistan, India's archrival and longtime competitor in the hitherto undeclared nuclear arms race in the subcontinent. Despite hawkish statements pledging "a matching response" by some top Pakistani officials in the immediate aftermath of the blasts, reports ment was weighing carefully what many in Pakistan saw as one of the most critical decisions in the history of that na-

Islamabad's choice appeared to lie between striking back with a nuclear test of its own, thereby risking the same economic sanctions that threaten India. or showing restraint, earning goodwill ing the wrath of hard-line Muslim come. groups, the armed forces and other Was powerful groups at home. According to Benazir Bhutto, Pakistan's former prime entists have been ready to test for at least suspicious work under way at the Indian test site at

abandoned an earlier test.

A measure of the pressures on Prime dul Qadeer, in an interview with a made him likely to reach for the popular Pakistan newspaper. "We are like a cook waiting for the orders," Mr. Qadeer said.

But the pressures on Mr. Sharif ap-Another pointer came from Pakistan's 'So far we have not disappointed our nation in respect of our security capability and we will never disappoint our people now," the general said. Mr. Sharif gave no indication of his

intentions as he headed into emergency meetings with close advisers and military chiefs in Islamabad, the capital of

a landsbde election in February 1997. Minister Nawaz Sharif, who returned to Mr. Sharif has been widely criticized in Islamabad during the day from a tour of Pakistan for acting as though the only Central Asia, came from a remark made goal was perpetuating his own rule, a by Pakistan's top nuclear scientist, Abrecord that Pakistan commentators said

But the pressures on Mr. Sharif ap-peared to be finely balanced. As the army chief, General Jehangir Karamat, meetings in Islamabad continued, an an-who remains enormously powerful in a country that has been ruled by military Washington that he intended to impledictators for nearly half of its existence. ment "fully" the economic sanctions against India that are mandated by the 1994 Nuclear Proliferation Prevention Act set a high price for any nuclear test made it plain that similar penalties would be applied against Pakistan.

Some analysts say Pakistan's totter- from Washington ing economy makes it much more vul-

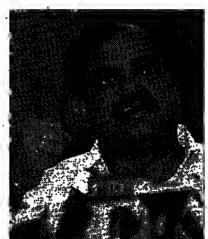
two years, since India planned and then Pakistan," Mr. Sharif, 48, said as he suspension of credits by two key instepped from his aircraft. Since winning ternational financial institutions, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. For years, Pakistan has been saved from default on more than \$60 billion in loans by emergency loans from the IMF.

In India, Finance Ministry officials noted pointedly on Tuesday that India currently has its highest level of foreignexchange reserves in years, \$26 billion, and has no current requirement for IMF

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World Bank officials declined to comment directly on whether proposed sanctions from the United States against by Pakistan, since U.S. officials have India would affect the organization's plans to approve loans totaling \$1.9 billion in coming weeks, Renters reported

But the officials, who asked not to be



Venkiah Naidu, an Indian government spokesman, discussing the tests.

the bank to postpone such decisions. 'It's obviously a big issue, but it's hard to speculate," said one official. "Our members will guide us on how to Pakistan. "We will determine what we negable to one of the actions threatened named, said opposition from major act. We have to see how the United States, shall do to safeguard the security of by Washington, American pressure for a sbareholders had in the past encouraged Japan and the G-7 decide to do this."

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land, with other leaders of the Group of Seven economic forum, beginning Friday. The seven include Japan, the largest provider of foreign aid to India and a determined critic of nuclear testing.

The question of sanctions, however,

could split the meeting, where Russia will participate on the margins, President Boris Yeltsin has expressed disappointment with the tests by India, a close ally, but said that Russia would rely on diplomatic means to "bring about a change in its position." Foreign Minister Yevgeni Primakov added: "We are very cautious about

measure which are not always product-

sanctions. Sanctions are a very extreme

clear weapons states.

A 1994 law would require the president to end nearly all aid, bar U.S. banks from lending money to the offending government. and halt exports of products with military uses. It would also require the United States to oppose aid to India by the International Monetary Fund and World Bank,

aid worth \$164 million, compared with more than \$1 billion from Japan.

After several years of rapid growth, U.S. businesses and investors have a the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament presence in India larger than those of any

from the World Bank, making it the nuclear program.

regarding nuclear tests by undeclared un- but as the largest donor to the World Bank it carries great weight.

Mr. McCurry also said the administration was reviewing whether Mr. Clinton should go ahead with a planned trip to India later this year. The president is also scheduled to visit China and Pakistan. Mr. Clinton's senior advisers recom-

mended that he hit India with "the full In 1995, India received U.S. economic range of sanctions" contained in a U.S. law widely referred to as the Glenn-Symington amendment, Reuters reported.

Meanwhile, John Holum, director of Agency, said the administration was trying to persuade Pakistan that its security India has more than \$40 billion in loans would not be enhanced if it accelerates its

dia's neighbors on Tuesday not to conduct nuclear testing, too. Mr. Clinton noted, however, that U.S. ternational Monetary Fund. The United economic penalties as India if it engaged States alone could not block such loans, in nuclear testing, he said. reports said. sense of India as "a wounded civilization, incapable of dealing with itself. REGION: As the West's Strategy Crumbles, the Consequences of India's Nuclear Tests Will Resonate for Years

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cision by the other country to respond in kind with a blast of its own. The first seismic station to record the shock waves was a site near Islamabad called Nihlore, and Washington's task will be to persuade the Pakistanis not to view the blasts through a prism of anxiety about New Delhi's

intentions. Few U.S. officials are optimistic that they will be successful in preventing Pakistan from carrying out mediate aftermath of the blasts, reports its repeated public threats to do so. "Pakistan did from Islamabad indicated the governot want to be the first to test," said a senior official, "but now they will be forced to by public

The tests also destroyed another prevailing assumption of U.S. policy: that Washington could slowly lure India away from its insistence that nuclear weapons are essential to its security by spinning a web of economic ties and political dialogue. An unusually tough and clearly written U.S. law leaves the administration no choice but and the possibility of enhanced economic assistance from the West but risk-could harm U.S.-India relations for years 10

Washington's enthusiasm for a tough response was no doubt deepened by its embarrassment at having failed to see that the blasts were coming. minister, who spoke to the BBC in London on Monday, Pakistan's nuclear sci-

Pokaran, and U.S. diplomats intervened in time to wind by U.S. Air Force sampling planes and inclear advances. China is in any event well-dissuade the ruling United Front coalition from ground-based radiation detectors. going forward.

This time, India's military and top officials of the governing Bharatiya Janata Party, or BJP, were more cautious as they prepared for the explosions. As a U.S. intelligence official put it Monday, "We were as shocked as anybody" dne to Indian concealment efforts that deprived policymakers and

the CIA of any advance warning.

Another U.S. official said, "We knew that the BJP had always taken the position that India should be a nuclear power." But, he added, "the political analysis was that they would not actually go through with this, that they would not do something that would be this costly."

Whatever trust existed between Washington and New Delhi on this issue will not be easily revived, according to this official and several others. The significance of the blasts in military terms

ister claimed in his announcement that one of the devices was thermonuclear, implying a hydro-gen bomb, several U.S. government analysts cast gen bomb, several U.S. government analysts cast claimed that China posed a military threat because doubt on that idea and said it was more likely a "boosted fission" device that falls short of the near the Indian border. most powerful type of bomb devised by man so

India claimed that the blasts were more powerful than its only other nuclear explosion, on May 15, 1974, a test that India has never acknowledged involved a nuclear weapon. But U.S. officials said the total force of the three explosions appeared to be 10 to 20 kilotons, or less than 20,000 tons of TNT - a force roughly similar to the previous ex-

India's most likely aim, the officials said, was to confirm the development of a bomb design par-dicularly suited for deployment atop the new Agni missile, which is to have a projected range of 1,500 miles (2,400 kilometers) and be capable of reaching more than 15 nations, including much of China. The missile requires additional tests before it can be

One clue to India's motives for developing such a warhead may be the May 3 statement by its remains uncertain. While the Indian prime min- defense minister, George Fernandes, who denonnced Pakistan's recent test of a new medinmrange ballistic missile called the Ghauri and also

But U.S. intelligence officials say they believe that the long-standing Indian claim of nuclear mis-siles in Tibet is false, and that by resuscitating the Further clarification may not be available until siles in Tibet is false, and that by resuscitating the power and prestige' — much as the United States U.S. scientists have analyzed any radioactive allegation. New Delhi may be manufacturing a and the Soviet Union did in the heyday of the Cold

an arsenal of about 400 nuclear warheads already on hand and a well-established pipeline of quiet

assistance to the Pakistani nuclear program.

In broader strategic terms, the Indian blasts constitute a blunt rejection of efforts by the five declared nuclear powers to convince all other nations that their security will be diminished, not enhanced, if they acquire an overt nuclear capability. This idea served as the cornerstone of U.S. efforts in 1995 to persuade the bulk of the world to forswear nuclear arms, and all nations in 1996 to forswear nuclear

India had already rejected the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty and the Comprehensive Nnclear Test Ban Treaty as bypocritical efforts by the established nuclear powers to prevent anyone else from joining their clab. But Washington had hoped this view would eventually give way as economic power, rather than military might, became the most important determinant of influence in the post-Cold

The blasts proved, if anything, that India is not buying that notion. Instead, as the U.S. Defense Department said in a report last year on proliferation problems, New Delhi continues to view "nuclear weapons as a symbol of international

INDONESIA: 4 Killed in Jakarta Clash

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crowd of 300 student demonstrators. The protests have been gathering force since early last week, when the Subarto government announced it would raise the price of fuel and electricity by as and political activist, Desmond Mahesa, much as 70 percent. Although the price increases fulfill Indonesia's agreement with the International Monetary Fund, students have decried them as unjust.

President Suharto has been out of the country since Saturday, attending a meeting of heads of states of 15 developing nations in Cairo. On Monday, Mr. Suharto said the deepening economic crisis in Asia "could trigger a series of social problems.

lice and military would crack down on anyone who threatened indonesia's 'national stability." People in Jakarta said that Mr. Suharto's decision to leave the his hands and feet, held his head under in determine whether the army has country during the growing turmoil un- water and electrocuted him. derscored his confidence in his position. But political analysts have also said

that the student movement would reach a

flash point if security forces fired on the

witnesses said outsiders had thrown rocks at the police during the protest Tuesday in Jakarta.

The violence at the University of Trisakti ended a day of taut political drama in the capital. Earlier in the day, a lawyer came forward to testify that he had been abducted, tortured and held captive for two months, before being released last month. Mr. Mahesa said he did not know the identity of his captors, but there are rumors that factions of the Indonesian military have kidnapped activists an in intimidation campaign.

Mr. Mahesa is the second person to testify to a campaign of terror in Inincluding the further spread of poverty, a donesia. Last week, Pius Lustrilanang rise in crime, and political instability."

Before his departure, Mr. Suharto warned in televised remarks that the positive in Washington and interrogation his family had been guaranteed by Genat the hands of unidentified captors. Mr. eral Wiranto, the defense minister and Mahesa described a similar regimen, head of Indonesia's armed forces. Gensaying that his captors had handcuffed eral Wiranto has started an investigation

But he said that after one day of torture, his captors left him alone when he wrote say that 16 people have been abducted down the names of his family and friends. because of their political activities, of

students or if the violence spread to the said that he did not intend to leave of disappearances began in February, capital. A growing number of nonstuderms have joined demonstrations, and tones, he said that his safety and that of to a seventh term.



played a role in the abductions.

Human rights organizations in Jakarta Unlike Mr. Lustrilanang, Mr. Mahesa whom seven are still missing. The wave

particles released by the blasts and captured down-foreign threat in an attempt to justify its own OUTRAGE: Japan Joins a Chorus of Anti-Nuclear Protests

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India, Officials from the European Union said they planned to decide on how to respond to the tests. But nowhere was the reaction as emo-

physical and emotional scars from the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings. The country is staunchly opposed to nuclear weapons and testing in any form, and has consistently been a leader in the anti-nuclear movement.

And beyond the "No More Nuclear Tests" banners and chanting in other countries. Japan threatened to lash back at India with its most potent weapon:

Japan is the world's largest provider of development assistance to India, and it threatened to withhold grants, lowinterest loans and other assistance. Officials said they were still deciding how aid Japan supplies to India. Government officials said they were reviewing their entire diplomatic stance toward India.

Japanese policy on giving overseas development assistance takes into consideration the receiving nation's military said. Japan took similar action against security environment around India."

China when it tested a nuclear weapon in 1995, withholding more than \$50 million in grants for almost two years.
Officials said the amount withheld

was relatively small in the case of China case because officials feared reversing tional as in Japan, which still bears deep the country's trend toward more engagement with the rest of the world. Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto

said he had sent a letter in March to India's new prime minister, Atal Behari Vajpayee, in which he said, "I am carefully watching the trend of the nuclear finence to the peace and stability of the

world." Mr. Hashimoto said he was still wait- violence for many around the world. ing for a response, and, "Then they just

The Japanese foreign minister, Keizo Obuchi, summoned the Indian ambas- against the trend of the era." sador, Siddharth Singh, to a meeting at Parliament, where Mr. Obuchi told the Indian Embassy in Tokyo on Tnesday to much to withhold of the billion dollars in envoy, "We may have to consider tak-

> torical experience of Japan with nuclear weapons." But he defended the tests to these nuclear tests really represent the

He cited "improvement in weapons possessed by countries to the north and west," suggesting China and Pakistan

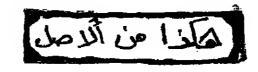
without naming them explicitly. Japan's top government spokesman. Kenzo Muraoka, the chief cabinet sec-retary, blasted New Delhi at a news conference, saying it was "extremely regrettable" that India conducted such tests, resisting the global trend to ban nuclear testing. Yasushi Akashi, former UN deputy

secretary-general and now director of policy of India, which has a great in- the Hiroshima Institute of Peace, criticized India on Tuesday by evoking the name of Gandhi, who symbolizes non-

'This is just throwing cold water on the trend of nuclear disarmament around the world," Mr. Akashi said. "This is

Mayor Ito of Nagasaki came to the ing some action regarding economic co- He said the testing was particularly galling to him because Nagasaki is cur-Mr. Singh replied, "We understand rently sponsoring an exhibition in India, Japanese people's sentiment and the his-showing nuclear devastation in his city. "I can't stop wondering whether

spending, possession of weapons of mass Mr. Obuchi, telling birn they were voice of the people," Mr. Ito said. "I destruction and arms exports, officials needed because of "the change in the can't stop expressing my anger and distrust and doubt.



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PRISTINA, Yugoslavia — Two U.S. special envoys, Richard Holbrooke and Roben Gelbard, met Tuesday with the ethnic Albanian leader of Kosovo, Ibrahim Rugova, a day after President Slobodan Milosevic of Yugoslavia re-buffed their bid for foreign mediation of the growing crisis in Kosovo.

The distance between the two sides still remains very substantial," Mr. Hol-

brooke said after the meeting. He said the talks with Mr. Rugova were "very useful" and added that the Americans would meet again with Mr. Milosevic.

"Our position is, we are trying in get a process going," Mr. Holbrooke said. "All other details are being discussed and, I might add, without much progress.

The two envoys have held two four-hour sessions of talks with Mr. Milosevic since Saturday.
They also met with Mr. Rugova in the

capital of Kosovo on Sunday. That meeting had been followed by talks with Albanian leaders in Tirana. Albanian leaders on Tuesday rejected

for the 13th time in two mooths an invitation from Serbia to hold talks. They refuse to begin negotiations unol Belgrade agrees to the presence of an international mediator.

Prime Minister Ratko Markovic of Serbia had invited Tirana to discuss a provisional decision on the status of Kosovo and a draft plan for local selfgovernment

After the talks Sunday, Mr. Milosevic decried external pressure being brought to bear on what he described as an internal matter for his country, according to a report by the official Tanjng oews ageocy.

The mainly ethnic Albanian population of Kosovo is seeking greater in-dependence from Belgrade. Mr. Milosevic revoked the autonomy of the southern Serbian province in 1989 when he was chief of the Yugoslav Commu-

A Serbian crackdowo in Kosovo since March has left some 100 people

Two ethnic Albanians were killed in Pristina early Tuesday, one of them in a shoot-out with Serbian police. The other man was found shot in a house, hot the circumstances of his death were unclear, the Albanian Human Rights Com-(AFP, Reuters)



Mr. Rugova pointing the way for Mr. Gelbard, center, and Mr. Holbrooke.

'I'm Healthy,' Yeltsin Says On-Line

MOSCOW -- President Boris Yeltsin took to cyberspace on Tuesday to announce that he was in excellent health and to pledge that Russia will

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oever return to what he called the "Communist psychosis."

Mr. Yeltsin, 67, president also told surfers of the World Wide Web that he did not think Russia was ready to be led

by a woman.

Shortly before making his Internet debut, Mr. Yeltsin used the much more tradicional setting of Russia's Foreign Ministry to outline the country's international priorities at a summit of world leaders at the annual gathering of the Group of Eight major industrialized countries in the English city of Birm-

ingham. Mr. Yeltsin, who is due to fly to Britain on Friday, said Russia's full inclusion in the elite grouping was proof that it had become an equal partner of Western countries in the post-Cold War era.

In a clear dig at Moscow's old rival, the United States, he said: "It is time to recognize that in the contemporary world, oo single state can dictate its views, not even a very powerful state." Moscow has long resented Washington's economic and military pre-eminence since the fall of the Soviet Union.

Mr. Yeltsin is expected to hold informal meetings in Birmingham with the seven other leaders. The G-8 groups Russia, the United States, Japan, Germany, Britain, France, Canada and Italy.

During his half-hour Internet session, Mr. Yeltsin, was in a confident, upbeat

mood and even challenged one American questioner to a sporting encounter to see who was finer.

'Well come on then, let's compete at sport, let's show each other who's healthier," said Mr. Yeltsin, who in November 1996 underwent life-saving

"Today, I've been working since 5 A.M.," he said during the on-line exchanges. "I had four hours' sleep. I'm working intensely. There's still a long

heart surgery.

working day ahead.
"This doesn't affect me, you see —

not my appearance, nor my vigor, my energy, I'm bealthy."

Mr. Yeltsin made clear that the eco-

nomic and political reforms he has begun in Russia are irreversible. 'I shall continue to follow the line of reforms, of democracy, of market economics," Mr. Yeltsin said, "No, and again oo, in no circumstances will there be a return in Communist psychosis."

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Turkish Chief Faces Corruption Inquiry

ANKARA - Parliament on Tuesday voted to set up a commission to investigate corruption charges against the conservative prime minister of Tur-

key, Mesut Yilmaz, witnesses said. "The motion has been passed." said Hasan Korkmazcan, the parliamentary speaker, announcing the re-

sult of the vote by a show of hands. Mehmet Gozlukaya, a senior deputy of the conservative opposition headed by Mr. Yilmaz's chief rival, Tansn Ciller, said the investigation motion submitted by his party accused Mr. Yilmaz of inflating costs in a government airport tender.

The 550-seat Parliament voted last month to set up a similar commissioo to investigate Mr. Yilmaz's wealth after also launching an inquiry into Mrs. Ciller's assets.

Internet Executive

German Court Tries

MUNICH - The former head of the German subsidiary of a U.S. Internet company went oo trial Tuesday on charges of failing to preveot the publication of child pornography, in the first such case in Germany.

In his position with CompuServe Germany, Felix Somm, 34, is being tried in connection with the publication of pornographic material involving children, animals and vio-lence in 1995 and 1996.

Prosecutors said CompuServe had the technical means to screeo out such material, but defense lawyers denied that the company was capable of this in Germany. At the request of German magistrates, the U.S. firm bad prevented its subscribers from gaining access to 200 Internet sites, but lifted the blockage in February 1996.(AFP)

German Rightists Point to September

MUNICH — The German People's Union, which recorded the best postwar result for the far right in a German state last month, said Tuesday that it would probably run in the general election in September.

The newspaper Berliner Kurier reported Tuesday that the party's board had already made a decision to campaign oationwide and would formally announce its plans this week.

"It looks as though we will run in the general election," Olaf Herrmann, a spokesman for the German People's Union, said.

The party, which the German in-ternal security agency has called anti Semitic and racist, won 12.9 percent of the vote in a state election in the economically depressed state of Saxony-Anhalt last month. (Reuters)

French Politician Convicted of Graft

EVRY, France - A French Gaullist senator was given an 18month suspended seotence oo Tuesday after being coovicted of graft and embezzling public funds.

The senator, Xavier Dugoin, a member of the Rally for the Republic. or RPR party, of President Jacques Chirac, was found guilty of using council funds to pay his wife wages for fictitious work. Mr. Dugoin is also the former president of the Essooe regional council near Paris.

His wife, who had received a monthly salary of 22,000 francs (\$3,700) for more than two-and-a-half years, was fined 300,000 francs as an accomplice. Mr. Dugoin was also found guilty of using council funds to pay a cleaning woman for his home and purchase plane tickets. (Reuters)

Hillary Clinton Visits Chirac Country

American First Lady Sees French Counterpart's Political Domain

By Charles Trueheart Washington Post Service

TULLE, France - Hillary Rodham Clinton dipped briefly into the local French political scene Tuesday as she visited the home region and longtime political district of France's first lady, Bernadette Chirac.

Mrs. Chirac, as an elected official in the Correze department of central France, greeted Mrs. Clintoo in the council chambers in Tulle, where she has served on the governing body for

nearly two decades. Though she is known as 'la presidente" as the wife of President Jacques Chirac, Mrs. Chirac has eked out a political existence of her own in the remote country she adopted wheo she married a Correzian politician.

In Tulle, through an interpreter, Mrs. Clinton listened to the welcome and praise of local officials of the Chiracs' center-right party, as well as to a few mildly argumentative remarks by Socialist and Communist members of the Correze council.

Begging her pardoo for asking the question, a Socialist, Rene Teulade, asked Mrs. Clinton what her reasons were for "abandoning" her health care reform project that "seemed to us more just, more humane, less costly and more efficient?'

A Communist member, Jacques Chaminade, took the occasion to remind Mrs. Clintoo of the days wheo French Communist Party members could not travel to the United States and to assert his preference for local fare over Mc-Donald's "and other hamburgers" that

culture and commended Mrs. Clinton for receotly supporting the "necessity, for peace, of a Palestinian state." Mrs. Clinton, addressing the council in

are part of an "invasive" American

English, said, "Although I feel strongly about many issues, such as health care, sometimes in a democracy we have to take baby steps and not giant strides." Quoting Alexis de Tocqueville, the

19th-century French chronicler of the young American republic, she said. Without local institutions, a nation can give itself free government, but it cannot have the spirit of liberty.'

Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Chirac, in a 21car motorcade that left French villagers agog at the side of the road, then drove to the village of Correze to visit a nursery school and a church and have lunch with local officials.

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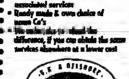
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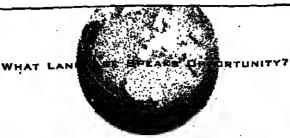
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JERUSALEM - Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu heads to Washington navigating between one political oulcome he does not want and another he cannot afford: a rift with his rightwing coalition partners and a rift with the United States.

Widely accused in the West of pushing the Middle East peace process to the breaking point, he has strayed into treacherous political terrain - even for a leader to whom the term crisis management at

times must seem a redundancy. Nevertheless, ANALYSIS "in general, he's optimistic," said David BarIllan, the Israeli leader's communications director. If so, he is virtually alone in the Middle East these days.

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Mr. Netanyahu has repeatedly vowed that he will carry out Israel's obligations under the Oslo peace accord, despite having taken office as an ardent critic of the 1993 pact, which be said could jeopardize Israel's security. But since he has consistently dodged, ducked and stonewalled American anempts to advance the peace process for the last 14 months, diplomats are increasingly skeptical that

he intends to make a deal 'At the end of the day, in maoers of security, it is Israel that must decide," Mr. Nelanyahu said Monday, "and I think this is the view shared by, frankly, the people of America, and I would like to believe also the government of the United States.'

Hawks in his government have threatened to bolt if he hands over too much - or even any - territory in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, captured by Israel in the 1967 Middle East war. Although Mr. Netanyahu enjoys only a narrow majority in Parliament, it is possible that he could survive a revolt by his

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United States is putting pressure on Is-rael. Secretary of State Madeleine Al-

bright made a public appeal on Tuesday for acceptance of a U.S. formula for

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percent of the territory.

But Israeli officials say they doubt the strains in relations have reached a breaking point, and they have seen little evidence that the Clinton administration has the stomach for a serious confrontation with Israel's Jewish allies in the United States.

"I don't feel that we're stretching things too tight," an Israeli official said, Both courses - a crisis at bome or

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most reactionary allies. The United one abroad - are fraught with political risks for Mr. Netanyahu. The alternally and largest donor, has threatened to ative, however, is an interminable peace process that is more about process than results. So far, he has kept nearly everyone guessing at his intentions.

Mindful of those doubts and determined to project some sense of progress on peace, Mr. Netanyahu's government trumpeted the news that he would meet with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in Washington on Wednesday.

Similarly, leaks to the Israeli media in the last couple of days were taken as evidence that a breakthrough was imminent in the deadlock over how much of the Israeli-held West Bank should be handed over to Palestinian control.

The idea was that the difference between the 9 percent the Israelis say they are willing to cede and the 13 percent the Americans have proposed — and the Palestinians have accepted — could be ridged by holding 4 percent of the land in 'escrow," to be handed over at some future date pending the Palestinians' good behavior on Israel's security concerns. It turns out that the idea, which seems

to have originated with the Israelis, was exclusively for public consumption. It was never presented to the Palestinians. Saeb Erekat, the chief Palestinian ne-

gooator, said of Mr. Netanyahu, "He is not a tough oegotiator, he is a non-negotiator." Unless the Clinton admin-istration applies real pressure, Mr. Erekat said Mr. Netanyahu is unlikely ever to make a deal.

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excerpts from such works of fiction as "The Deer Park," It's like Robin Williams being handed a solid acting role and a strict director: The 'Why Are We in Vietnam?" In typically grandiose style, a section titled "The Second very constrictions of journalism that Mailer rails against World War" is followed, a often force him to do bis very few pages later, by a second titled "The Second Novel." best work, witness the achievement of his 1979 mas-

terpiece, "The Executioner's Along the way, we are re-Song," a fluent, selfless work introduced to a full panoply of that turned the life story of Mailer alter egos, from Aquarius to the "presump-tive literary champ" to the Gary Gilmore into a powerful ballad of love and death.

As Mailer himself suggests Esthetic Invesogator, and we are reminded, once again, of in these pages, the sudden fame he won at the age of 25 Mailer's ambition, as he once with his first book "The Napnt it, to "write a oovel which Dostoyevsky and Marx; Joyce and Freud; Stendhal, ked and the Dead" - a novel that holds up 50 years after its Tolstoy, Proust and Spengler. publication as the estimable work of a talented, if callow Faulkner, and even old molyoung man - also affected dering Hemingway might his ability to fulfill his nov-Yet what this volume makes elisoc ambitions. His early clear, if it were not already success, Mailer observes, cut quite apparent, is that Mailer's him off from his past and from "an average man's ex-perience": In effect, he says, strength lies in conficcion. As

> ence to the stage. On one hand, this move from observer to observed would lead Mailer to create the raucous, self-dramatizing narrators of "The Armies of the Night" and "Miami and the Siege of Chicago," and in doing so, pioneer a new, exuberantly stylized form of reportage that filtered the em-

t moved him "from the audi-

combaove mind. On the other hand, it hampered his ability to imaginatively inhabit other people's experiences, a crippling blow for a novelist, parup in the naturalistic shadow of Hemingway.

battled zeitgeist of the '60s

through the prism of his own

beroes bear an uncomfortable resemblance to his own public persona — remember Ro-jack in "An American Dream"? — or the novels, as a whole, feel like jerry-built constructions, decorated, like prickly. It also explains why a Christmas tree, with famil- he has such a hard time geniar Maileresque obsessions. erating imaginative sympathy

want to be a covelist of ideas ations, and why, in the end, he - he would settle for nothing remains his own most inless, he once declared, than making a revolution in the

to political conventions to the adolesceot, irresponsible or just plain flaky 10 successfully engage the reader's attention.

In fact, the excerpts in this volume are peppered with ludicrous nooons, from the author's infamous assertion in "The White Negro" that the cold-blooded murder of a flights of fancy in something candy-store keeper demonstrates "courage of a sort," to his suggesoon that anobioocs are somehow "liquidators of possibility" that prevent the body from learning "how well it could have cured itself."

Equally debilitating is the penchant Mailer and his characters have for seeing the world in Manichaean terms of black or white, good or evil. Everything - from bedding a woman to besting a rival on a TV show - must be seeo as a test, a war, a power struggle. One is either square or hip, cowardly or brave, part of the

problem or the solution. In his most powerful nonfiction, Mailer either acknowledges these prejudices and preconceptions with charming candor (as be did in 'Armies of the Night") or sublimates them in the service of his story (as he did in 'The Executioner's Song'').

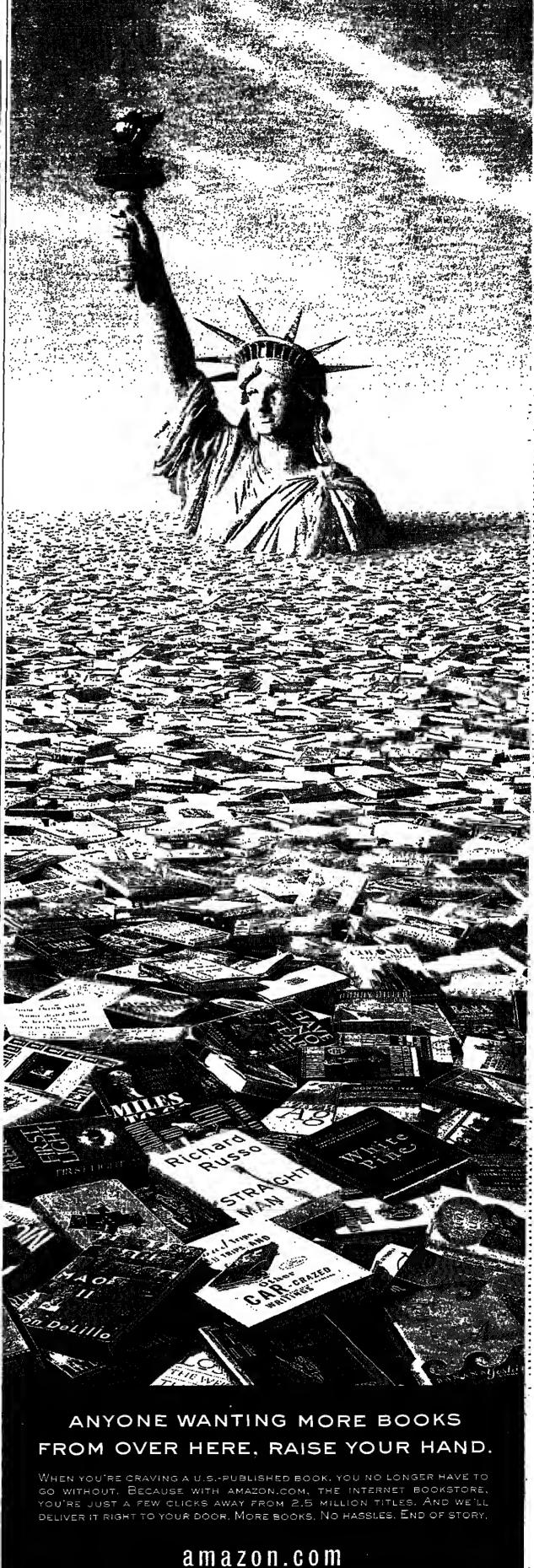
ical studies - most notably "Oswald's Tale: An American Mystery" and "Portrait of Picasso as a Young Man' - that he begins to trade these observacion-based techniques for raw speculation, turning his subjects into cardboard embodiments of his own theories of beroism, rebellion or creativity.

It is in his later biograph-

In one of the magazine pieces included in "The Time of Our Time," Mailer sets out to profide an entertainer who shares his egotism and flair for flamboyant self-promotion. "If Madonna shows a predominant vice, it is that she always stands for something, he writes. "It is usually rich ocularly one who had grown enough, or by her detractors' estimate, garny enough, to he on the very edge of the pub-Either Mailer's ficoonal lic's digesove powers."

The same, of course, has often been said of Mailer himself, which goes a long way in explaining why his novels tend to be so clumsy; his journalism, so provocative and Although Mailer seems to for many of his fictional cretriguing creation.

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A Mideast Rendezvous

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Suddenly the United States finds itself drawn far beyond the familiar fraying tactical issues of the stalled Middle East negotiations. Its move from failed facilitator to hopeful drafter of compromise terms takes it to a moral as well as political threshold. Should Americans even be thinking of substituting their notion for the Israelis' notion of what security concessions the anxious Israelis should make? Is it not especially offensive that Israelis should be asked to pay Palestinians to stop killing children in the streets?

The case is strong for leaving choices in the hands of the people who will bear their consequences. Israelis face in the Palestinians an adversary with a cruel terrorist streak. They face in the overall Arab and Muslim worlds an environment marked by hate, hostility and ever more destructive weaponry. The suicide bomb represents sheer viciousness. It is not fanciful to imagine that, with a state as a platform, Palestinians would eventually be positioned to wreak even more terrible harm. In these circumstances, for Americans to second-guess a democratically elected Israeli government on basic security issues can seem nothing sbort of arrogant.

Peace Pressures

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has successfully resisted President Bill Clinton's proposal for immediate talks conditioned on a further 13 percent withdrawal from the West Bank, making this an especially tender moment for his visit to the United States. The administration is showing more and more frustration, and Israelis are feeling more resentment over American pressure.

Mr. Netanyahu arrives on Wednesday for a five-day trip, and a newly scheduled meeting with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright offers some bope of progress. But time does appear to be running out before the administration makes its threatened reassessment of the American role in the Mideast negotiations. The administration has been right to

assert that this is the moment to push the negotiations. A more urgent stance by Washington was necessary, especially since the once-productive working relationship between Israel and Palestinian leaders had deteriorated. At the same time, the administration needs to be sensitive to bow disurbing it looks for Washington to be dictating terms and timetables or using peremptory language on a close friend like Israel.

For his part, Mr. Netanyahu needs to be careful not to use bis visit to rebuff support in America. He can use this trip to listen as well as talk, and to study the

But an appropriate humility does oot moot the compelling case for responsible American statesmanship. The case starts with an awareness that, now as earlier, Israel's fears have kept it from making realistic policy choices on its own. It has needed sympathetic but pointed American assistance.

The case goes on to emphasize the United States' generous longtime role in providing for Israel's military and economic sinews and in using its global standing to Israel's advantage.

It concludes with the requirement to serve the major American interests at play in Arab and Muslim realms.

The details of American engage ment are critical here. Washington's proposals for an interim settlement protect tough Israeli positions on withdrawal, security and reciprocity and deliver Israel to its longtime goal of final-settlement talks. Both those who see the greater danger in the status quo and those who see it in change can approve: The terms change things, but

incrementally, carefully.

In his meeting now scheduled for Wednesday with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has the opening to put Israeli-American relations back on track.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

widespread concern on Capitol Hill and elsewhere about the survival of the Oslo peace process.

Administration officials say that the 13 percent additional withdrawal by Israel from the West Bank remains the minimum necessary to maintain the credibility of Yasser Arafat, who is under fire from Palestinian extremists for conceding as much as he bas. But there ought to be additional formulas, beyond those involving reciprocal Palestinian actions, by which Israel can carry out such a withdrawal and still

sanisfy its security concerns. The discussion right now should be focused on such details, and not on political jousting by either side. It would be a mistake for Mr. Netanyahu to repeat what be did on his last visit in January - attempt to build support by attending rallies with some of Mr. Clinton's most hostile critics.

The administration has put forward ideas to assure Israel that its security interests can be met by a withdrawal that is the minimum necessary for the Palestinians. As its leaders say repeatedly, Israel must of course make the final judgment on how to protect itself. But there is also ample incentive for a deal, since Mr. Arafat has pledged to discuss a final settlement after a withdrawal agreement, as Mr. Netanyahu wants.

As the mediator, the United States is now probing to see if Israeli security concerns are balanced by a desire to in the Middle East enjoy broad public going. It is Israel, after all, that has the most to lose if the talks run aground.

Qualified to Serve

Senate majority Leader Trent Lott refuses to let the Senate vote on President Bill Clinton's nominee to be ambassador to Luxembourg. Four of Mr. Lott's fellow Republicans have objected to would-be Ambassador James Hormel because, they say, of his support for gay rights. But many other Clinton appointees have shared Mr. Hormel's views on that matter. The real problem seems to be that Mr. Hormel is himself openly gay.

Mr. Hormel, 65, is a longtime supporter of the Democratic Party, and you could certainly make a case that more career diplomats and fewer political contributors should get ambassadorial posts. But, as political nominations go, Mr. Hormel is, according to wide bipartisan consensus, unusually well qualified. A lawyer and busi-nessman from San Francisco, he has been a longtime and effective supporter of many charitable causes. George Shultz, former secretary of state, says he 'would be a wonderful representative for our country."

The senators who object say they fear he would use his ambassadorship to advance a gay rights agenda. How that might come about in Luxembourg is hard to see. In any case, he has made clear that he would use his post to promote U.S. policy, and U.S. policy only. His nomination sailed through the Senate Foreign Relations Committee

full Senate. Those senators who do not believe that a gay person should represent the United States overseas would be able to vote "no." Those who believe that America should welcome to public service its most qualified citizens regardless of race, religion, gender, ethnic background or sexual orientation would be able to vote "yes."

We believe that a majority of the Senate inclines toward the latter view. As Republican Senator Orrin Hatch said in support of Mr. Hornel's nomination, "I just don't believe in prejudice against any individual, regardless."

— THE WASHINGTON POST

Other Comment 'People Power' Elsewhere

"People power," the slogan of the peaceful revolution in the Philippines that swept the despotic Ferdinand Marcos from office in 1986, is now emblazoned on the banners held aloft by angry students across Indonesia. It should make Filipinos proud. Yet they can only lament that their revolution, launched with such courage and bope, should so soon have degenerated into poliocal farce. [That] has been all too evident during the campaign for the Philippine presidencial election.

The Economist (London).

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An Indian Nuclear Punch to the International Nose

WASHINGTON — Atal Bihari
Vajpayee comes right to the point. The new Indian prime minister burst onto the world stage this week by delivering a nuclear punch to the oose of the international community and then celebrating his dubious achievement on a religious festival day.

Other candidates for Polecat of the Month status were instantly left eating dust. The carefully cultivated "more in sorrow than in anger" defiance favored by Benjamin Netanyahu and the stiff thuggish demeanor of Slobodan Milosevic suddenly seemed old hat and rather less cataclysmic on Mr. Vajpayee's day of atomic glory.

The Israeli prime minister and Serbia's president had led the way in May in risking international pressure and condemnation to safeguard national interests that they see as vital. But they have been gentle and thoughtful in their resistance to American pressure, if you contrast them to Mr. Vajpayee, leader of India's Hindu nationalist government.

He chose a symbolically charged moment to order his country's first nuclear explosions since 1974. The three experimental underground blasts were carried out on Monday near In-dia's fronder with Pakistan. Pakistan

By Jim Hoagland

will now defy international pressure and test its own nuclear device.

Mr. Vajpayee struck just as the leaders of the world's seven most affluent industrial democracies, joined by their poor but militarily powerful Russian cousins, were preparing to assemble in England for their annual two-day parley about the state of the world."

These talks, now known as G-7, G-8 or G-Whatever, have become the ul-timate Bunch of Guys Sitting Around a Table. The talks are no longer about power but about the illusion of power, created and sustained in the summit's press releases and wall-to-wall puffery.

Mr. Vajpayee punctured that illusion of power with nuclear blasts that the CIA-DIA-NSA \$25-billion-a-year gadgetry did not spot being prepared and that the world leaders were relatively confident would not bappen now. After all, they had issued stero warnings to both India and Pakistan about the consequences of sparking a nuclear arms race in the subcontinent. In the ultimate indication that the

great powers are not so great now, Mr. Vajpayee seems to have been oblivious

May 11 because it fell on the same

test in 1974. Mr. Vajpayee announced the explosions in a sparse six-sentence declaration, after which he took no questions from reporters.

The big question he did not answer is why, or at least why now. The answer seems to be political rather than military. Mr. Vajpayee is not about to attack Pakistan or China, which his government has identified as military threats. Instead he moves to bolster his Hindu nationalist party's standing with an electorate that welcomed the tests.

He also probably calculates that becoming a declared nuclear power ultimately boosts India's chance to gain a permanent seat in the United Nations Security Council and other internation-

al power groups. Would the Group of Seven have bent their rules and framework to bring Russia halfway into their meetings (the finance ministers now meet a week before the beads of government, to avoid sitting down with their Russian counterpart) if Moscow were not the world's second greatest nuclear power? I somehow doubt it.

The five permanent members of the

to the timing of their summit. He chose Security Council have exactly one thing in common: They all possess Buddhist festival day as the first Indian nuclear weapons. Mr. Vajpayee has stiffed their nonproliferation appeal which much of the Third World sees as self-dealing pablum in any event. India has sounded a nuclear knock on the Big Five's door.

Mr. Vaipayee is an inconvenient fellow in another important aspect: America's strenuous effort to halt the spread of nuclear weapons has been based to a great extent on legitimate fears that a rogue regime headed by a dictator would unleash a global crisis by actually using these things.

India is the world's largest democracy. Mr. Vajpayee is neither rogue (in this sense) nor dictator. He is for better or worse an expression of India's collecove political judgment. The same can be said for Israel's Mr. Netanyahu. who has undeclared but real nuclear weapons in his hip pocket.

Mr. Vajpayee's nuclear decision is shocking and reprehensible. But it should deliver two needed reminders to Clinton & Colleagues at Birmingham: Power is about will, not words and illusions. And selective nonproliferation is a hard case to make.

But Why Shouldn't a Democracy Be Armed to Defend Itself?

tests. It has persistently evaded

U.S. attempts to limit the de-

HONG KONG — India's nuclear tests have brought into focus the contradictions among America's roles as policeman, honest broker and missionary for democracy. They are especially poignant just before President Bill Clinton's visit to an as-

sertive, nuclear China.

The tests challenge the importance that the policeman has placed on official nonproliferation. They confront the United States with the reality of its lack of evenhandedness toward India vis-à-vis China and Pakistan. And they raise the question of wby a plural, democratic India should not have the right to weapons of mass destruction, and the means to deliver them, posBy Philip Bowring

sessed by an authoritarian and ued with its own program of nanonalisoc neighbor, China. The tesis are as much aimed at cementing the Bbaraoya Janata Party's bold on power in Delhi as in raising India's strategic power projection capabil-ity. They are certainly provocadve, may set off a regional arms race, and deprive India of foreign investment while being

of little military value. However, India bas put up with neighbors' provocations for a long time. For 24 years it buckled under Western pressure not to convert its "peaceful" 1974 test into formal nuclear power status. It bas got scant reward for this. China has oot only contin-

velopment of Pakistan's missile capability, which has been catching up with India's. U.S. pressure to prevent Pakistan from developing its own nuclear device came far too late to be effective.

The U.S. tilt toward China and Pakistan was understandable in the Cold War days of India's close links with Moscow and the Soviets' war in Afghanistan. But the bias toward Pakistan has looked increasingly bizarre. The old Soviet-era assumptions have collapsed, while Pakistan has become the ceoter of the re-

gional drugs trade and the sponsor of Afghanistan's Taleban, the nascest regime in Asia outside North Korea. Meanwhile, U.S. relations

with China have been driven by a combination of commercial pressures and missionary zeal to convert China to capitalism (not democracy). The State Department has dozens of China specialists, but India

ranks low in importance. India is not specifically threatened by China. Nor is Pakistan ever likely to be the military equal of its buge neigh-bor. But it is not unreasonable for India to want to maintain strategic superiority on the snbcontinent and to be treated more or less as an equal to China.

China is not specifically

threatened either by Russia or by the United States, but this does not stop it from keeping nuclear-armed missiles aimed at both countries.

The consequences of India's tests are unpredictable, and to that extent they are dangerous. But they are also a recognition of the actual spread of such weapons.

The pretensions of ouclear conproliferation allowed India as well as Israel and probably Pakistan to have weapons, so long as they did not call them such. By at last calling a spade. a spade, India may have brought nuclear issues back to reality, and forced the United States to confront its own principles and priorities.

International Herald Tribune:

A World of Global Capital Markets Pushes Integration

WASHINGTON — When the Group of Seveo countries, plus Russia, sit down in with the simple fact that coun- cial bank regulators at the time, Asian financial crisis, they should engage in a little self-

examination as well.

For Americans in particular, the easy advice we give the Asians about quick reform of includes the United States. stark contrast to our inability to pass legislation ranonalizing competition among our banks and competing financial insotuoons - an impasse that has lasted for more than 15 years amid

entrenched private interests. It is ironic that one of the maoers at issue in our Congress today, as a result of recent mergers, is the polioical pressure brought to bear to weaken the traditional barriers to combinarions of commerce and banking - precisely the practice in Asia and elsewhere that we rail against as a major source of institucional weakness.

More important in the present context, we have to deal

WASHINGTON — It's that time again. This weekend

the Group of Seven industrial

democracies, plus Russia, gather

in England for their annual gab-

fest about the world economy.

And once again I offer my annual alternative G-7 — the ones

you would invite if you were

organizing a summit meeting

and were not stuck with Canada,

France, Italy. Britain, Japan,

Germany and the United States.

Chair No. 1 this year would

go to the world's leading expert

for fixing the millennium com-

puter bug - whoever he or she

is. After all, the Group of Seven

was founded in 1975 to deal

with the OPEC oil shock, and

there is a high probability that

the millennium bug — a pro-

gramming failure bnilt into

older microchips that renders

them unable to recognize dates

after Dec. 31, 1999, and there-

fore susceptible to shutdown

after that day - will administer

you may get your own com-

puters adjusted in time, but

what about the person or the

company or the country your computers are connected

with?" asked Robert Hormats

produced by just a 5 percent cut in Arab oil output. If just 5

percent of the computers op-

eraong Russian nuclear plants

or central banks in Latin Amer-

ica or airlines in Asia were to

shut down, it could jolt the

world economy just like the

Chair No. 2 would be fought

The 1973 oil shock was

of Goldman Sachs.

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"With the millennium bug,

a similar economic sbock.

and democratic governments. relatively transparent accounting systems and experienced

regulators have not been immune to banking crises. The list years ago makes the point. Once itself an independent

country, Texas has economic a GNP about the size of South Korea's. At the start of the 1980s, it had among the most strongly capitalized and profitable banks in the United States, and it was fiercely resistant to permitting any "for-eign" ownership — "foreign" defined as New York or other out-of-state banks.

No doubt there is a certain amount of cronyism among Texans, and we later fearned that there was a good deal of corruption among poorly superone of the responsible commer- tionary impetus from depreci-

Imagine Another Group of Seven

over by the billionaire oligarchs

who dominate Russia's econo-

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not only enormous wealth and

power but the real alternative to

democratic globalization. That

is, the world is slowly dividing

between free market democra-

cies and free market kleptocra-

Russia's robber barons have

already ripped off many of Rus-

sia's assets and could take over

the state. The Russian Mafia has

used its gains to drive up real

estate prices from Paris to Tel Aviv - just one sign of the

impact it could have on world

affairs if its kleptocratic model

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If they succeed in turning

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Mikhail Gorbachevs.

cies (robber baron states).

By Thomas L. Friedman

By Paul Volcker

England this week to ponder the tries with strong banks, honest I would like to think that snpervision was state-of-the-art. Certainly the bankers were experienced, accounting was in the hands of the big six accounting firms applying gen-erally accepted standards, and of regulatory forbearance. Exchange C mission 10K reports and financial prospectuses were re-

viewed by the highest-paid analytic talent in the world. But none of that institutional strength insulated Texas financial institutions and the Texas economy from the financial excesses that accompanied the energy and real estate booms of the early 1980s.

Texas, however, did and does have enormous advantages relative to a small emerging economy. It was part of the world's largest common currency area (the United States). So there could be no loss of confidence vised savings and loans. But, as in its currency, and no infla-

on earth, people will be able to send e-mail, participate in chat

rooms or read great books. Web

TV is the next wave of tech-

nology, which will be cheap in-

formation appliances that give

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will do for the Internet what the

PC did for computing. In chair No. 5, the Japanese

government would be officially

disinvited and replaced by the Keizai Doyukai, Japan's Asso-ciation of Corporate Executives,

which represents the younger,

more outspoken, less Establish-

ment, more entrepreneurial Jap-

anese business types. To the ex-tent that there is a corporate

lobby in Japan for cleaning up

banks and really deregulating the economy to lift it from its

malaise, it's the Keizai Doy-

arm-wrestling match between

the governors of the German and

French central banks. The win-

of Seven how the euro is going

to work and whether Europe will

be run on the rightfisted model

of the German central bank.

which means that bankers will

rule Europe, or the more socially

sensitive French model, which

means that politicians will rule.

Chair No. 7 will be shared by

Special Prosecutor Ken Starr.

who is considering busting

President Bill Clinton, and the

Justice Department's antitrust

chief. Joel Klein, who is con-

sidering busting up Microsoft.

Few things could have more im-

pact on global economics in

1998 than if Mr. Starr brought

down Mr. Clinton and Mr. Klein

The New York Times

brought down Bill Gates.

ner gets to explain to the Group

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ukai, so let's give it a boost.

those of the United States, and they tended to fall rather than rise. Large companies were typically part of dispersed national and international operations. There was an effective lender

insurance and a certain amount Mexico and the Czech Republic, are not Texas. But I think there are lessons to be learned from the Texas experience.

The first and most important is that small and open economies are inherently vulnerable to the volatility of global capital markets. The visual image of a vast sea of liquid capital strikes me as apt - the big and inevitable storms through which a great liner like the United States of America can safely sail will surely capsize even the sturdiest

South Pacific canoe. The natural defense is to seek the shelter of larger inherently more diversified and stable ships. By the end of the 1980s. every major bank in Texas, with the encouragement and support of the federal government, had become part of a much larger national banking organization. Similarly, and with heroic ef-

fort, Argentina has effectively adopted the dollar as a parallel currency, and only one sizable private bank remains without substantial foreign ownership and interest.

In Mexico, where resistance to foreign ownership of banks was a major issue only a few years ago in the NAFTA negotiations, four of the five largest banks today bave important foreign capital. Thailand, strongly protective

of its banks and finance companies before the crisis broke, now eagerly seeks foreign participa-tioo. On the other side of the world, in Eastern Europe, foreign ownership of banks is becoming commonplace. In the nonfinancial world,

there cannot be much doubt that of last resort, credible deposit similar forces are at work. Distressed industrial and commercial firms naturally look more from abroad, whether by joint ventures or outright sale. Without doubt, to large and diversified international companies,

this is a buying opportunity. To put the point mere generaily, the economic logic of living in a world of global capital markets is much more integration, with the present crisis force-feeding the existing tendency. The obvious counterpoint is a growing lack of autonomy in economic management, essily perceived as an affront to sovereignty.

The potencial for polinical resistance that flows from this perception will be all the greater if the changes seem to be forced not by economic logic and na oonal decision but by external forces with their own agenda. This is wby international advice-givers should be prudent in their tone.

One thing is certain. If a country wants to participate in open markets for goods and other services, it cannot feasibly opt out of world financial markets. Finance today is inextricably intertwined with trade and investment

The writer is a former chair man of the U.S. Federal Reserve. This comment, adapted from a lecture at the Paul Nitte School of International Relanons, was distributed by the Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1898: Gypsy Queen PARIS - The queen of all the

gypsies will be crowned next month, and the capital of these picturesque nomads will be transferred from Austria to the United States. The coronation will take place in the suburbs of Topeka, Kan. The queen-elect is Molly Friar, daughter of the late queen and next in line of succession. Molly Friar is a real Romany. She has traveled in gypsy fashion all over the world, and speaks fourteen different languages. The Romanies are the oldest and proudest of the gypsy tribes. There are ten thousand gypsies in the United States, and their various camps

1923: Negro Exodus

the annual summer pilgrimage.

MACON, Ga., - The exodus of numbers is alarming the farmers other governments."

here. Lumbermen are now offering pay as high as \$10 a day. and the negroes are quitting their jobs to hurry to lumber camps. Labor agents are active signing negroes for work in Northern steel mills, factories and building constructions, as well as lumber camps. Conton planters are beginning to feel uneasy, especially as the Ku Klax Klan is facilitating the exodus.

1948: Marshall's Reply

WASHINGTON - Secretary of State George C. Marshall said that if Russia is seriously interested in improving world conditions there is urgent need for action through the United are now a bustle preparatory to Nations. In a press conference prepared statement, Mr. Marshall ruled out the possibility of a direct two-nation settlement of the general problems between the United States and negroes from farms in large Russia "which also concern

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Computers Get Credit for More Than They Should

By Richard Harwood

WASHINGTON — Enthusiasm for the computer revolution and its beneficent impact ou our lives often seems boundless. Business Week nagazine referred to the computer last November is a transcendent technology — like railroads in the 19th century and automobiles in the 20th. The Economiss writes of a change even more far-reaching than the hamessing of electrical power a century ago."

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American companies are estimated to have invested nearly \$225 billion last year in computer purchases. It is said that half the labor force now uses contputers in its work. Media companies are pouring resources into the Internet at a pell-mell rate. The educational system rapidly is retooling classrooms and schools to exploit the teaching and learning possibilities of these new information systems.

But as the revolution proceeds. voices of caution and skepticism are being heard. Todd Oppenheimer, an associate editor at Newsweek, warns in an Atlantic Monthly article that "there is

Easily Spin

By Angus Sibley

change is the fastest possible. For they

are the midwives of the economic revolution now in progress. They love their revolution. They fervenily hope that it

Marx and his comrades, in London in

1850, spoke of maintaining a permanent

revolution. Then, as now, agitators

reveled in the fantasy that their de-

structive upbeavals would continue in-

definitely. But today, revolutionaries

have the gall to call themselves con-

Competition, not technology, is these

revolutionaries' prime weapon. The

first computers were built in the 1930s;

for 40 years their development and ap-

It was the intensely competitive at-

mosphere of Silicon Valley from the 1970s onward that triggered the head-

long rush to innovation that we know

today, in which software is considered

obsolete after three months. The de-

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industry and commerce is forcing the

Valley's customers to adopt the latest

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no good evidence that most uses of computers significantly improve teaching and learning." Nevertheless a poll taken last year revealed that "U.S. teachers ranked computer skills and media technology as more 'essential' than the study of European history, biology, chemistry and physics: than dealing with social problems such as drugs and family breakdown; than learning prac-tical job skills and than reading modern American writers such as Steinbeck and Hemingway or classic ones such as Pla-to and Shakespeare."

History, he notes, is full of technological fads embraced by educators who were later disillusioned by the results. Thomas Edison, he recalls, predicted 75 years ago that "the motion picture is destined to revolutionize our educational system and ... in a few years it will supplant largely, if not entirely, the use of textbooks.

Jeff Madrick, the editor of Challenge magazine, questions in a long piece in the New York Review of Books the eco-nomic benefits of the computer revolution. He quotes the optimistic predic-tion of Michael Moynihan in a recent book, "The Coming American Renaissance," that "the single greatest driver of growth and creator of wealth over the next two decades" will come from "the information superhighway." That may happen, Mr. Madrick says, but on the evidence thus far the favorable impact of computer technology is far from proven.

Despite buge business investments in computers, Mr. Madrick writes. 'the expansion that began in the early 1990s has remained the slowest in the post-World War II period.'

Labor productivity is the heart of the matter, he argues. Business has increased its investment in computers hy more than 30 percent a year since the early 1970s, but the rate of growth of productivity has fallen from 2.85 per-cent a year between 1947 and 1973 to about 1.1 percent a year since 1973."

bel Prize recipient, made a similar observation several years ago: "You can see the computer age everywhere but in the productivity statistics.

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Another skeptic is Kurt Andersen of The New Yorker, whose focus is the Internet mania, fueled in large part by two professional castes - the media and Wall Street traders. He calls them 'giddy journalists and giddy money managers" who have become "profoundly computer dependent.

'What journalists and financial protessionals haven't understood, however, is that almost no one else finds comnuters and the Internet quite so essential." he writes. "And as a result of this improbable accident of history," he adds, the technology "now sits at the center of a speculative frenzy of religious intensity, a financial mania, a bubble.

Hyperbole aside, he's got a point. The media indeed have been inexhaustible in their promotion of the In-ternet, while Wall Street, as he puts it, has been preternaturally inclined to sing the praises of digital technology. The making of instant millionaires through speculation in high-tech stocks is now fixed in the American dream.

Nothing is accomplished by criticizing the many miracles wrought by computer technology. Its influence on our lives is bound to increase, and in beneficial ways, I suspect. The problem is keeping a proper perspective: The machines are not cure-alls for the con-tinuing problems in the U.S. educational system or for the continuing problems in the economy

Jeff Madrick argues that the modern economy, with its constant demands for new products and innovations, "requires greater use of the one characteristic that machines cannot replace; human imagination."

At the same time that business and industry are supposedly downsizing by slashing layers of white-collar bureaucracy, the demand for office workers is growing rapidly. They once accounted for 30 percent of the labor force; they now account for 40 percent. And increasingly these office workers --- now numbering 51 million - are well-paid professionals, while the number of menial office jobs - clerks and typists, for example - declines. These professionals — accountants,

salespeople, engineers, architects and so on - appear to be the prime source for business innovations, including, Mr. Madrick argues, 'an increasingly rapid flow of new products and services, ad campaigns, marketing concepts, financing techniques and managerial reforms." In short, they produce "ideas" and employ skills unobtainable from

The Washington Post.

Hope and Science: Caution Is the Essential Ingredient

By Ellen Goodman

It happens from time to time. A kernel of hope will live in vials and petri dishes for years. There it will be nurtured, doubted, prodded, studied, Mice will be sacrificed. Scientists will spend their days and nights working

Then, suddenly, a door is set ajar and hope makes a run for it.

It escapes into the public air and expands in that heady atmosphere un-

til it seems ready to burst. This time the latch was popped by a front-page article in The New York

MEANWHILE

Times that used the words "cure" and "cancer" in the same heady breath. This time, hope came from evidence that a new therapy has cured cancer in mice.

It came from the testimonial of the irrepressible James Watson of DNA fame who said. "Judah is going to

cure cancer in two years."
"Judah" is Judah Folkman. For 30 years, against skepticism and even self-doubt, he has worked on a simple theory: Instead of killing a tumor, can

you starve it to death? Can you stop the blood flow that feeds cancer? His laboratory's striking success with angiogenesis inhibitors — drugs that stop the blood flow to tumors -bad been reported for months. It was written about in Nature magazine and in newspapers. It was talked about

wherever oncologists met to discuss

and dissect progress in their field. But this time, hope ran hand in hand with hype. The words "cure" and 'cancer' spread in the fertile petri dish of the media culture. People heard the cure but not the caveats.

On Wall Street, investors who speculate on medical breakthroughs the way the Dutch once speculated on tulips turned from one hot stock. Pfizer, the maker of Viagra, to another. Entremed. The price of the biotech company licensed to develop these drugs went from \$12 a share to a high

of \$85.
The market in hope ran to even more dizzying heights. At the National Cancer Institute, in oncologists' offices, and on the Internet, those who have heard "there's nothing we can do" began looking for a second opinion. Cancer patients cal-

BOSTON — Hope escaped from culated how long they could hold on until "the cure." A year, perhaps until "the cure." A year, perhaps

As predictably as bear market follows bull, the brakes were applied to this rush. James Watson complained that he did not say there would be a cure in two years- or perbaps did not mean to.

Oncologists reminded us that it would be years until the tests were carried out and the results were in. Judab Folkman warned against the

belief that the new therapy "will emerge as stand-alone drugs of unprecedented power."
But the story of this escapee says

much about what happens when hope breaks out as it does these days with the frequency and suddenness of a news report. We five now on the cusp of cures,

Cures for AIDS, for diabetes, for can-

We do not know at any given moment when the latest promise will be the next success tanother Salk vaccine) or the next disappointment (annther interferon).

One week, tamoxifen is joured as a preventative for breast cancer; the next week, angiostatin and endostatin

are seen as cures. Science is practiced in public. The understandable urgency of a patient conflicis with the necessary patience

of a researcher. So the story of this "cure for cancer" is the clearest example yet of our two cultures; hope and science,

Today, hope springs and science treads deliherately, checking its footsteps. Hope goes for the light; science. as Dr. Folkman said, goes down countless blind alleys to find one that goes through.

Hope talks of breakthroughs; science is as deliberate as the researcher in Dr. Folkman's lab who had to collect 50 gallons of mouse urine drop by

What do we know from this latest report? Two things: that it is a long, long way from mouse to man, and that

we may be on the right path. Today, somewhere a man dying of cancer has read that there is a book in the works about Dr. Folkman's therapy. The book is entitled: "Conquering Cancer.

Let it be so. But for now, hope must head back to the lab.

The Bessen Globe



the technology itself further sharpens competitive pressures by enabling suppliers to modify their products more quickly and customers to compare

prices more widely. One is reminded of the series-wound direct current electric motor that drives streetcars and subway trains. Such a motor, when in the workshop for maintenance, must be allowed to run free on full power. For without the restraining inertia of the train, it will spin faster and faster till its center flies apart. Nobody wants an accident of that kind with a traction motor weighing two or three

Societies exposed to the hyperaccelerative forces of unrestrained competition are likewise at risk of disintegration. Unlike electrical engineers, libertarian ideologues seem blind to this risk. Some of them may indeed welcome it, such is their disdain for tradition, community and stability.

Throughout history, economic change has disrupted the lives of individuals and families and communities, often painfully. The pain may be diffused and moderate if changes are cular process of self-feeding acceleration. The competitive market stimugradual or if, at any one time, only a few sectors of the economy are affected. But free marketeers know no moderation.

They call for maximum intensity of competition throughout all economies worldwide, and this in an age whose technology ensures that competition brings changes ever more speedily.

Here is a recipe for rapid, persistent, accelerating, ubiquitous change. No one should be surprised if the accompanying pains are acute and pervasive; if societies thus afflicted become disoriented, rootless, anarchic, violent; if ugly political movements seize the resulting opportunities.

History suggests that upheavals are followed by contrasting phases of oppressive order. After the French Revolution came the Bourbon reaction. The Bolshevik cataclysm gave way to Soviet ossification. Franquismo followed the Spanish civil war. Victorian laissezfaire bred the obstructive trade unions and inflated welfare states that libertarians loathe.

For those who desire civilized order, this historical sequence offers but partial comfort. For reckless economic revolutionaries, it threatens nemesis. Who shall say they have not deserved it?

The writer is an actuary in London. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't Lose Sight of India's Democratic Base Arguably the greatest achievement of of the United Nations Security Coun-

modern India has been the preservation cil. of the essentials of democracy in a country of more than 900 million people. In its 50 years as an independent state it has been one of those nations where elections serve the purpose of expressing the will of the people, where freedom of the press is taken for granted and the tra-

press is taken for granted and the tra-ditions of judiciary are respected.

The importance of all this easily tran-scends national borders. Not only does it set an example to other nations in Asia in general and South Asia in particular, but even more important is the timeout even more important is the time-tested truth that democracies intrinsically tend to be more peaceful than nondemocracies.

Clamor against the Indian nuclear tests should not be allowed to drown out these fundamentals. There is, furthermore, reason to at least question the legitimacy of much protest. India bas broken no international treaty or ob-ligation not having subscribed to any of rhe pacts that it judged to be simply perpetuating the monopoly on nuclear armaments by the permanent members

The acknowledged nuclear powers constitute the core of the international world order. Small wonder that one of the largesi nations in the world does not want to be left out.

aspects to this development. In the first place, tests do not have to lead to an armaments race. They may in the end prove to be more of a stabilizing factor than an invitation to conflict. Having shown its capabilities, India may bave prevented less-welcome de-velopments. In addition, being a member of the nuclear club may facilitate

And second, with respect to armameots, is it not bigb time that the same rules should be applied all around? E.M. SCHOO. Egmond aan Zee, Netherlands.

ments on a footing of equality.

India's joining international arrange-

The writer, a former Dutch minister for development cooperation, was am-bassador to India.

Rushed Judgment on Paris ation force. The conditions under which he was recalled to France were set forth The Washington Post's outrageous in a communiqué issued by the French editorial on the mission of French troops

the French Army. I consider this all-toocareless judgment to be an insult both to the memory of the 72 French soldiers who died for peace in Bosnia and to the decisive role France played in the spring of 1995 to get its closest allies to commit themselves — finally, decisively and on the ground — to peace in Bosnia.

As for cooperation between French and American troops, given the space The Post devoted to R. Jeffrey Smith's investigation ("Paris Denies Sabatage of Serb's Arrest; French Officer's Contacts With Karadzic Disputed," IHT, April 24), I am surprised The Post did not report declarations by U.S. gov-ernment spokespersons who all bailed There are, admittedly, many more the close cooperation that exists on the ground, in Bosnia, between French and American forces, as well as the declaration that Defense Secretary William Coben made personally on April 24. Allow me to cite a relevant passage: "For more than two centuries, our military relationship with France bas been based on shared security concerns and mutual respect. Those same qualities guide dealings between our militaries and our nations today. . . . Currently, French aircraft fly with American planes to patrol the no-fly zone over southern Iraq, and French and American troops are serving shoulder-to-shoulder in Bosnia, where France has long played a leadership role in UN and NATO efforts to bring peace and stability. The cooperation between our forces in Bosnia has been close since the establishment of IFOR in 1995. It is close today, and will continue to be close and productive in the future."

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The writer is the French ambassadar ta the United Stores.

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in Bosnia and the pursuit of war criminals ("France ond Bosnia," IHT, April With regard to the attitude of the French officer wbo The Post says might have collaborated with Radovan Karadzic in his efforts to evade capture, let me point out that the officer was conducting a mission similar to those carried out by

several of his colleagues from other

contingents in the NATO-led stabiliz-

Ministry of Defense.

The Washington Post is seizing the opportunity offered by this episode to immediately cast blame on France and

By Joan Dupont

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By Sheridan Morley International Herald Tribune

ONDON - The passion for turning movie musicals into stage shows suggests either a terrible lack of new theatrical pieces or, more plausibly, a recognition by theater managers that if they are now to charge upward of £30 a ticket they had better be selling something people already know they are going to enjoy

even before the curtain goes up.
Saturday Night Fever, at the London Palladium is thus a reasonably faithful re-creation of the 1977 boxoffice winner. In place of John Travolta we have a reasonably adequate stand-in, Adam Garcia, who has clearly studied the video long enough to perfect that curious body line strutting with the outstretched index finger that was the hallmark of an otherwise unexciting movie, But the real Palladium star is Robin Wagner, whose immense sets give us a

replica of Brooklyn's vast Verrazano-Narrows Bridge and a vast spaceship that descends, breathing smoke and blazing floodlights, from the roof of the old nightclub where most of the action is

There the good news ends: Travolta may have managed to jump-start his old Hollywood career back into some kind of afterlife, but the musical that made him a star is now as dead as the character who jumps to his death off the bridge, presumably so as to avoid having to sing yet another wedge of the Bee Gees' cheesy Muzak score. This has always been a "West Side Story" for the braindead, and although Arlene Phillips's frenetic choreography has a certain ghastly period accuracy, as a director she has singularly failed to give the Gibb Brothers' innne sing-along any real energy or heart.

The result lurches uneasily from book musical to rock concert, totally lacking the flair that might have made it a worth-

while staging. Curiously, this old di-nosaur comes back to us now looking vastly more dated than "Show Boat," which preceded it by half a century. Not so much recast as deeply undercast,
"Samrday Night Fever" deserved to
close at its first intermission and will

doubtless, like the other retreads of its ilk, lie around the Palladium stage cluttering up the West End for months it not years to come, complete with a score so deeply unmemorable that you forget the hit numbers even while they are being sung. If you hated the movie first time around, stay away from the show; if you loved it, stay home with the video.

eferably of something better. The central problem, here as in 'Grease," is that a score made up of pop and rock songs can never take the place of show songs designed to further or pursue a plot. What is scary is how many audiences now seem neither to notice nor to care about the differ-

Were we now to compile a profit and loss account for the director Stephen Daldry as he prepares to hand over his management of the Royal Court to lan Rickson, there is no doubt that he has

continued, notably with "Mojo" and several Irish imports, that theater's great tradition for the discovery of new writing. On the loss side, he has ripped out the hearts of two much-loved West End theaters (the Ambassadors and the Duke of York's) while occupying

them until the new Sloane Square rebuilding can be completed, and unfathomably lent the Court's prestige to Sarah Kane, a young playwright who managed to hit the headlines three years ago with her first play, "Blasted," set in war-torn Leeds and mainly memorable for babies being eaten alive and eyes gouged out. Now she's back, at the

Duke of York's, with the ironically titled "Cleansed" in which a good many more eyes get put out or forcibly

And here it is not just the eyes that have it. Though the set resembles a concentration camp, we are surprisingly within a university campus where limbs are lopped off, tongues tortured, rats encouraged to gnaw living flesh and sex changes conducted by force. It will doubtless be argued that Shakespearean and much of the Jacobean theater was equally gory, but in all those revengers' tragedies there was a kind of salvation, a kind of humanity that won out in the end against impossible odds.

Kane offers none of that. Like a naughty schoolgirl desperately trying to shock an increasingly bored and languid audience she piles horror upon horror without ever bothering to give us a character or a situation to care about Jeremy Herbert's sets are wonderfully

inventive and stylized, but if even a fraction of that talent had gone into the writing we might have had a play worth serious consideration.

As it is, "Cleansed" is in every sense a shocker, but the greatest shock of all has to do with neither drugs nor rats nor restitched genitals; it is that anyone at the Court thought Kane a playwright worth staging, let alone

staging twice.
Cleansed' will doubtless live on
its own publicity as the most violent play of the season, but that alone is hardly enough. It is also a sacky, tawdry apology for a play, in which any real skill of characterization or plotting is simply replaced by yet another bloody amputation. What we have here is a weird attempt to combine "Wait. ing for Godot" with "The Duchess of Malfi" and it misses both by more than a mile. "Cleansed" leaves you feeling as grubby as James Macdonald's production.



Enrico Rava, sometimes called the godfather of Italian jazz, picked up the trumpet after hearing Miles Davis.

Trumpet Player on a Choice Coast

ARIS — Enrico Rava lives in Chiavari, on the Italian Riviera, in a house overlooking the Mediterranean with a fine view of Portofino. A choice coast for a trum-

pet player.

He has lived there for eight years now, and he calls it "paradise." It is near no major market. He travels to work, mostly in Italy and France, about 150 nights a year. That, he tigures, is just about perfect. When not working he prefers to stay home. He's married, he likes to read. And when he does work. he would rather it be in Chambery or Perugia than, say, Philadelphia.

Rava has been called, with only slight irony, the godfather of Italian jazz. To mix metaphors, with his long white hair he could be a guru. Except for his poence edge, he might also be a stand-up comic doing an Italian jazz musician impres-sion. He is a role and musical model for. and an employer of, many of the many good young players south of the Alps. North of the Alps and across the sea, Mauro Negri, Sterfano Bollani and Gi-

anluca Petrella are small names. Even Enrico Rava is not exactly on every bebopper's tongue up here and over there. Living in New York through most of the '70s, he worked often with Carla

Bley and Don Cherry and with the Argentine tenorman Gato Barbieri, who attracted a lot of attention playing on the sound track for Bemardo Bertolucci's film "The Last Tango in Paris."
While in New York, Rava was signed

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to a record deal by a multinational company. "It was a very big contract." he said, "At least for those days. They gave me thousands of dollars up front." The 'It was a very big contract." he contract covered a jazz LP and a pop single for juke boxes.

He made sure it stipulated that the LP would be released first. He was interested

was young, he spoke English with a musical Mediterranean accent. This is how show-biz suits think -- a goodlooking Italian playing the theme music from a his movie about an honest Italian cop starring an actor named Al Pacino was a package that just could not miss. Plus, Barbieri has an Italian name and he won a Grammy blowing a horn on a sound track for a film by a director named Bertolucci. Think about it.

When he discovered that the single was to be released first, contract or no contract, he canceled. ("Serpico" never came out and he sold the LP elsewhere.)

One afternoon, he was sitting in a café near the Parisian club he was working. It was too small to pay very much money but. Rava said, "I love to play clubs like this. I just love to play. Period. But remember. I'm not a poor guy who began to play jazz because it was the only way I could make money. Exactly the opposite.

I'm from a fairly wealthy family.

He was born in Trieste, grew up in Turin, became a fan while still in his teens. His collection included "thousands of records, from New Orleans to whatever." Playing an instrument, however, had not yet occurred to him.

Then one day when I was 18, I heard Miles Davis play a concert in Torino. All my life I had never had such an incredible emotional experience." The next day, Raya went out and bought a trumpet.

This is worth a short detour.

"Experiencing" Miles has been "incredible" for people from many walks of life. "Meeting Miles changed my life," said the rock millionaire Chris Blackwell, founder of tilled Brace the letter founder of Island Records, who later launched the career of Bob Marley: "The experience is burned into my mind."

The CEO of a large American bank wanted his organization to function "like Miles Davis's band." And ever

in music more than commerce. The record company suits thought otherwise.

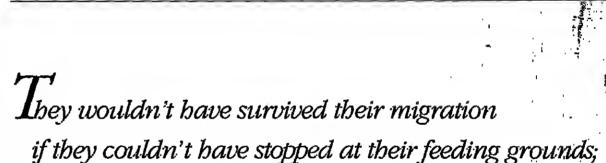
They were thinking "Serpico." Rava and its control of the Gallows." other directors have used a Harmon-muted trumpet accompanying shots of lonely streets at night.

Rava continued: "I never unagined such a sound was possible until I heard Miles live on stage." The self-taught Rava learned more about playing the trumpet by talking to Chet Baker when the latter lived in Turin for a few months. After assimilating all these American influences, he began to translate them into his own experience.

He recorded arias from Puccini's "Tosca" ("Puccini reminds me of Gil Evans"). From time to time, he and the French accordionist Richard Galliano present a program of Nino Rota songs from Fellini movies. Rava has recorded his version of arias from "Carmen" and performed them in China, Canada. France and Italy. He wrote the music for a film by Benolucci's brother. Giuseppe.

N the rest of Europe, as in America. players become stars because the major labels push them. "In Italy. Rava explained, "ii doesn't work that way. Partly this is because jazz concerts began to be sponsored by political parties in the '70s — particularly the Communist Party. This created big audiences that were less influenced by the multinationals and world trends than

"It's an active scene." he said. "And very interesting. There's lots of work. Each Italian city has its crazy man who is absolutely in love with jazz and who finds ways to convince the bureaucracy to put on concerts. The audience is really growing now. I see 16-year-olds out there. They don't go to a conservatory but they have a culture already. This is very new. A few years ago, the audience was middle-aged and getting older every year. Now they go from 15 to 75. We've got them all now."



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Reborn American Ballet Theater

By Anna Kisselgoff

New York Times Service EW YORK - The karma is especially positive at American Ballei Theater these Energy begets en-Kevin McKenzie, the company's artistic director, said before reeling off the names of chorcographers he plans to commission in a troupe that increasingly attracts dancers from

For Michael Kaiser, Ballet Theater's executive director, the focus is on innovanye partnerships with tour sponsors, audience-development and new big-time donors. "Any organization that makes good art can be saved. The said.

With five seasons behind him on the eve of a new eight-week engagement that opens Monday at the Metropolitan Opera House, McKenzie can afford to look ahead rather than back, a drastic change from 1992-93 when the talk of a rent fiscal year registers a small surplus.

ternational ballet's most prestigious companies might not survive.

A former Ballet Theater star. Mc-Kenzie was asked by its board at that time to lead a company demoralized by financial woes and a turnover of three directors in three years (the others were Mikhail Baryshnikov and Jane Hermann). After a cautious start, limited by budgetary considerations, the new regime visibly gained momentum.

Excitement stemmed from an influx of brilliant male dancers (Vladimir Malakhov, Jose Manuel Carreno, Angel Corella, Ethan Stiefel, Desmond Richardson and Vadim Belotserkovsky), and the box office registered a boost with an added dose of full-length ballets, a genre preferred by the operahouse audience at the Met.

Last summer, Ballet Theater eliminated an accumulated deficit of more than \$5 million. For a change, the cur-

the dance world was that one of in- Reflecting in an interview on how these figures have translated into his outlook since 1993. McKenzie said: "I don't spend energy trying not to do some-thing. Now I can do something positive

and long range."

Essentially, his thinking has crystallized around three ideas; the promotion of full-length ballets, the need for performing in different-sized theaters and a concern for creativity, envisaged in a major commissioning project. McKenzie also says that the word "theater" in Ballet Theater does not necessarily refer to dramatic works; theater, he said, should be understood as a form whose "duty is to

challenge one's assumptions. Traditionally considered a touring company. Ballet Theater has also redefined and extended its New York presence and will, as last year, perform at both the Met (spring) and City Center tfall). The Met repertory will concentrate on full-evening works while the City Center will have a mixed repertory.

STAGE/ENTERTAINMENT

*A More Festive Look to the 1998 Cannes Festival

By Joan Dupont International Health Iriban

ARJJ — Ask Gilles Jacob what he does for fun during the Cames fitm festivat, and he shales his head darkly — he is not a party person, the film's the thing. The min in charge of the selection committed actually looking festive this year, pleaded with his pick, no regrets.

After last year's 50th anniversary—
much celebration, few good films—the new vintage is promising, with suitably bizarre themes for this lin de siècle: benighted amilies, blighted children and plenty of ind-of-the-world scenarios.

Every other year we gel a good crop," sad Jacob, who viewed 25 percent more films this year than last, and came up with a state of 22 top directors in complition, as well as great names Ingnir Bergman, Manoel De Oliveira, Aturo Ripstein, Carlos Saura

The jury, headed by Martin Scorsese, who is something of a hero in France for his independent stance and appetite for films, is made up of the actresses Sigourney Weaver, Winona Ryder, Lena Olin, Chiara Mastroianni, ilie writer Zoe Valdes and the filmmakers Chen Kaige, Michael Winterbottom and Alain Corneau, along with the rap star

The festival opens Wednesday -Isabelle Huppert is mistress of cerenonies — with Mike Nichols's 'Primary Colors,' a bow to Hollywood prowess, out of competition, and closes May 24 with Roland Emmericb's ''Godzilla,'' a salute to the special-effects gang, also out of competition.

But the real opening is Patrice Chereau's 'Ceux qui m'aimeni prendroni le train' tThose who love me will take the train). After his epic "La Reine Margot," the director has made a personal and provocative movie about an ex-tended family — in which most mem-

sexual -- on their way to bury a spiritual father (Jean-Louis Trintignant) in the provinces. Charles Berling, Pascal Greggory, Valcria Bruni-Tedeschi and Vincent Perez Iwho appears laier as a felching transsexual) take the train for the rocky ride to Limoges.
In another French film, Benoit Jac-

quoi's "L'Ecole de la cliair." (School of the flesh) adapted from a Yukio Mishima novel. Huppert plays a Parisian stylist who falls for a male prostitute acted by Olivier Martinez, while Vincent Lindon plays a transvestite — cross-dressing and crossbreeding seem to be in this year.

The festival works at the fever pitch of family crisis, with its love-hate connivances, fratricide conflicts, killer crowds and mass ccremonies. There are rebellious sons, and stars who turn up in other guises, actors like John Turturro, Roberto Benigni and Robert Duvall, who reappear as directors, and Palme

d'Or winners, like Shohei tmamura, who has won twice, now with a film out of competition, while Theo Angelopoulos, thrice dashed in his hopes for the supreme prize, has come to try again.

supreme prize, has come to try again.
Paul Auster, who was on the jury last
year, opens "Un Certain Regard" (A
Certain Look), an official noncompetitive section, with "Lulu on the
Bridge," a film of his own that he eatls
"a small opera," starring Harvey
Keitel, Mira Sorvino, Willem Dafoe and
Vinesca Pedgrave, "Being on the jury Vanessa Redgrave. "Being on the jury meant a lot of responsibility and not a lot of time for fooling around, which I thought was what Cannes is designed

novelist wbo co-directed Smoke" and "Blue in the Face" with Wayne Wang. Ausier has had his first taste of directing on his own: "You are the loneliest person in the world, surrounded by dozens of other people." He is happy his film is in "Un Certain Regard." It's more relaxed." he said.

pany. The opening weekend's big happening is bound to be Terry Gilliam's Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas." adapted from Hunter Thompson's cult novel, and considered a cult film even before hitting La Croisette, thanks to

"La Vie revee des anges," (The Dream life of angels) by the Frenchman Erick Zonca, starring Elodie Bouchez and Gregoire Colin, the only first film in competition, is about two girls trying to make it in the provinces, Jacob says the movie has the true-grit touch of modem

Tsai Ming-liang's "The Hole" is an event for followers of the gifted second-19th century and starring Tony Leung,

Beautiful'), a comedy about the Shoah, has already created a stir in Italy.

OMETHING like a Danish new

berg, 30, who belongs to a col-lective called Dogma 95, a 10-point

program created in Copenhagen under the influence of Lars von Trier. The Grand Prix winner for Breaking the

Waves two years ago, von Trier is back in competition with 'Idioterne' (The Idiots), a film that was also made

according to the rules of the collective;

now, exteriors only, hand-held camera,

in Glasgow, and John Boorman is back

essarily mean no ego is involved. From Britain, there is Ken Loach.

wave may be on its way with "Festen" by Thomas Vinter-

and I'm in good company.

Competitors, too, are in good com-Johnny Depp, who plays the journalist and wbo appeared here last year with his own film, "The Brave." Claude Miller's "La Classe de

neige" (Ski school) - a cast of schoolboys, no siars - is adapted from a novel by Emmanuel Carrere, who worked on the script. The movie, shot in Haute Savoie, is a spooky reminder of current events: A boy, surrounded by intim-ations of abuse, is dropped off at camp by his father, who disappears.

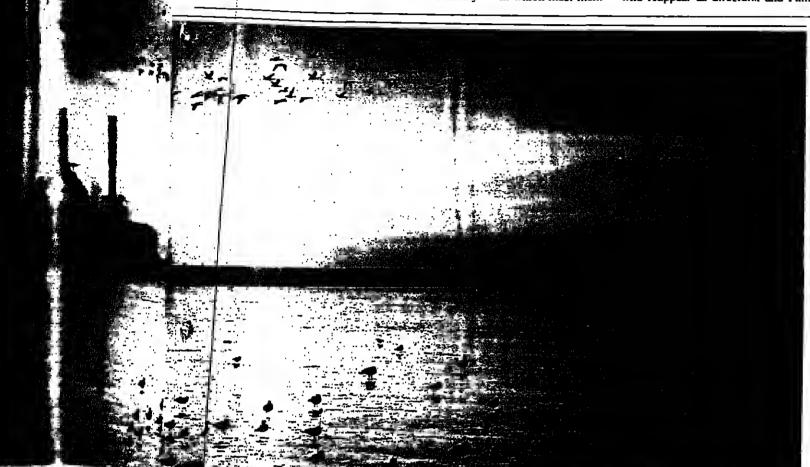
English film.

generation Taiwanese director — Scor-sese is said to be a fan. After "Vive l'Amour," 'Rebels of the Neon God,' and 'The River," Tsai has made an end-of-the-millennium drama. The other Taiwanese film in competition is 'Flowers of Shanghai" by Hou Hsiaohsien, set in a bordello at the end of the

Paul Auster on the set of his new movie, "Lulu on the Bridge." the Hong Kong actor who played in Hou's legendary "City of Sadness." The Italian actor-auteur Nanni Mor-Williams's biography of the outlaw Martin Cahill, starring Brendan Gleeson and Jon Voight. The Australian eni is back on bis scooter, in "Aprile," Rolf de Heer returns to the competition with "Dance Me to My Song," written and interpreted by Heather Rose, a which looks like another chapter of his Caro Diario" ("Dear Diary"). Benieni's "La Vita e Bella" ("Life Is

handicapped woman who speaks through a synthesizer. American independents have their day with Hal Hartley's "Henry Fool," a boy's own story about his depressive mother and nymphomaniae sister. Lodge Kerrigan, who made a chilling first impression in 1994 with "Clean, Shaven, a portrait of a schizophrenic, presents "Claire Dolan," about a call girl who scrambles to get to another life. starring Katrin Cartlidge, Velvet Goldmine is Todd Haynes's foray into the world of glam rock; Ewan Mc-Gregor, who plays a cross between Lou Reed and lggy Pop, performs the mu-sical numbers himself.

The movie must be set in the here and The competition winds up with films no score, no special lighting or filters by directors too rarely heard from: the Russian Alexei Guerman, with "Khrustaliov, My Carl," a chronicle of the corrupt '50s and '60s to the Soviet Union, and Hector Babenco's and no credit for the director, who is not supposed to impose his own point of view oo the film. Which doesn't nec-'Corazon Iluminado'' (Heart on Fire). with "My Name is Joe," a comedy set Born in Argentina, Babenco, who settled in Brazil, gives a spin of magic with "The General," which takes place in Ireland and is based on Paul realism to memoirs of a melancholy



Last year in South Humber Bank, UK, one of the wonders of technology collid! with one of the wonders of nature and something wonderful happened.

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> prevented them from feeding, was abruptly stopped. The power plant, which is representative of modern power plant technology (highly efficient with minimal impact on the surrounding environment), was finished only after the birds had completed their annual migration

> > A fact that made English environmentalists very happy. Not to mention the birds.

> > > INGENUITY AT WORK



Canibus Shakes Up Hip-Hop

Rising Star Aims to Promote Content Over Style

By Neil Strauss

OS ANGELES — On the back lot of Universal Studios, hip-hop's rising star Canibus is lounging in a trailer, on break from filming a video for "How Come," a single he raps on from the Warren Beatty movie "Bulworth." He is also waiting for a meeting with an executive at Dreamworks Records who wants to sign him to a publishing deal.

In his back pocket is a cassette of a song that the teenage singer and sitcom star Brandy wants bim to rap on, and in his hands is a bottle of Hype, a natural energy beverage that he says he drinks to immunize himself from the hype bombarding him. The drink, he says, keeps him from gening "hype-notized" and succumbing to "hype-nitis," which oc-curs when you believe your own hype. It

is a disease common among pop stars. 'I have cases and cases of Hype.' Canibus said, a smirk spreading across his face. "You will never catch me without one."

Canihus, a 23-year-old from Jersey City, certainly needs the protection. He has released only one single, yet be has become one of the most talked about and respected rappers working today.

Canihus's fame comes not just from years spent building a reputation as one of the smartest, toughest and tightest rhymers on the underground or from the songs he bas performed on by rappers like the Fugees, Common, the Lost Boyz and L.L. Cool J.

It doesn't even come from the fact that his manager, Wyclef Jean of the Fugees, is a man much husier and more famous than he is. It is in large part because be has become embroiled in the biggest rap feud of the year. And nearly everyone in hip-hop is excited about this fight because it doesn't involve guns. It

involves music, In rap's early days, disputes and challenges were often settled in battles neighborhood contests of disk-jockeying or rapping prowess that took place in parks and community centers. As rap became a big business and street gangs were lured by the power and money, insults were often responded to with

fists, knives or guns.

But late last year, when L.L. Cool J.
railed against Canibus, spending an entire verse of the song "4,3,2,1" calling him a cocky, talentless upstart, Canibus struck back at his former idol on wax, recording a vicious, contemptuous single with extra vocals from Mike Tyson, "Second Round K.O." It shot out of the

underground and into the Top 40.

L.L. Cool J. retaliated, releasing
"The Ripper Strikes Back," a taunting
single that responds point for point to Canibus's barbs about his children, sexuality and fans. The exchange has music fans hoping that Canihus, on his debut album due in July on Group Home/Universal Records, will take hiphop hack to its more benign pre-gangsta roots in boasting and battling. But their hopes may be misplaced. Canibus has other intentions for hip-hop.

put me in a box and say I'm taking it back. I'm taking it forward! They just

don't have enough to judge me on. Despite his confrontational, battlehungry lyrics. Canibus's real agenda is to equate intelligence with toughness, to promote content over style and to, as he raps in one song, "make you question any and everything you've ever believed in." He derived his name from the marijuana plant, he says, not because be advocates using the drug but because he likes to think of his lyrics as activating the mind in the way the plant does.

A self-confessed computer junkie who can't stay away from the Internet, he doesn't fit the mold of most rappers. As his producer, Jerry Wonder, said, " think he's from another planet." In Canibus's thinking-cap raps, he compares himself to Einstein instead of, say, John Gotti and talks about picking up women on-line instead of in bars.

Where other rappers coun legitimacy by bragging about gang-banging, drug-dealing and prison sentences, Canibus proudly says he was a hermit who never went out as a child, preferring to play Atari games and live in bis head instead of the streets. In a world in which rappers thank God on their albums, Canibus says he places his faith in science over religion. In fact, he spent a year at DeKalb Community College in Atlanta studying computer science though his real ambition was genetic engineering.

"I was always an anti-social person growing up," be explained. "I couldn't understand a lot of things people would do and say. And no one ever understood me. I always had a hard time in school. People always laughed and made fun of me because I couldn't find my niche."

Born Germaine Williams to a Jamaican cricket player named Basil Williams. Canibus is a tough man with a soft heart. During the filming of the "How Come" video, be disappeared to buy a Nintendo 64 game console for the 10year-old son of one of the women working on the set because, he said, the son was a thinker and a loner who reminded him of himself at that age.

ANIBUS emerged from his sbell in the early 1990s, when he made his way into the rap world on the business side, helping start Group Home, the management company that represented the Lost Boyz. His real goal, however, was to become a rapper, and he started rhyming on underground mix tapes made by DJ Clue and putting himself through a training regime that he compares with

Tyson's.
"Tyson gets in the ring and knocks people out." Canibus said. "I get in the mike booth and knock people out. His training process is bananas; the stuff I go through is cocoouts. People think I just sit home all day and scratch myself or go to a club every night and get drunk and stoned and then write rhymes. No, practice makes perfect. I sit for hours in front of the mirror and just look at myself

"People are interpreting me as bringing it back," Canibus said. "Wrong, I'm from an entirely different era. Don't exercise my mind. Input equals output. exercise my mind. Input equals output. That's a fact of life.'

One of Canibus's biggest breaks came when L.L. Cool J. invited him to appear on "4,3,2,1," which explains why he was so upset when he heard the final version of the song and L.L. called him a "little boy" and "amateur" and threatening, "Blow you to pieces." It seems that L.L. Cool J. interpreted a line Coolbus repend during the reporting of Canibus rapped during the recording of the song as an insult. (The line was about tearing L.L. Cool J.'s tattoo of a microphone off his arm. t But Canihus says it wasn't intended as derogatory and that L.L. Cool J. should have been familiar with his aggressive style. L.L. Cool J.

declined to be interviewed. 'During the six months after the record was made, it was very difficult for me," Canibus said. "My life was balanced on a scale right there, and it felt like a boulder dropping on one side against a rice grain. I live in Jersey, and it was difficult for me to just walk downthe street to my block and go home because people were always coming up to me and asking questions.

HEN L.L. Cool J. released "The Ripper Strikes Back," accusing Canibus of, among other things, being an overnight sensation thanks to the feud, Canibus says he wasn't hurt this time. He was flanered. "I got him to respond," Canibus said. "I actually got him screaming my name on a record. That's what he wanted least of all. This is cooler than it being something violent."
Canibus says a battle is like a chess

game and constantly says that he lives his life in "if-then statements." meaning that before he does anything, be runs through every possible outcome in his mind. Some friends call him paranoid and, in fact, he can pontificate for hours about alien intelligence, government plots and J.F.K. assassination theses and has reams of computer printouts on those subjects.

"To me everything is a conspiracy movie." he said. "When I get up in the morning, automatically I'm worried about what am I doing, what are you doing, what are you thinking, what am I thinking. What you say will cause me to think one way; if you say something else, it'll cause me to think another way.'

Somehow, this man who portrays himself as an intellectual loner in conversation has become one of the rap world's most watched figures. At dinner after the video shoot, Canibus was surrounded hy stars and moguls, including Beatty, members of the Fugees and Jimmy Iovine, president of Interscope Records. In the middle of the meal, Wyclef shouted to lovine: "Watch this kid. He's going to be big. Real big.

From the other end of the table, Canibus's business partner boasted: 'Canibus is going to change the face of rap. There's no one like him." Meanwhile, Cambus just sat slumped in his seat, smirking, as he lifted a can of Hype to his lips and took a long sip.

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By Warren Hoge New York Tunes Service

LONDON - Stepping up its effort to obtain voters' approval of the Northern Ireland peace settlement, the British government announced a £315 million aid package to the conflicted province

Gordon Brown, chancellor of the Excbequer, put forward the package, worth \$514 million, as one linking prosperity with peace. But he insisted that it was neither a "bribe" to win votes for the agreement in a referendum May 22 nor conditional on the outcome.

The package's aid for business will be particularly attractive to the Protestant majority, where the greatest doubts about voting for the pact persist.

Addressing a gathering of industri-

alists, executives and politicians in Bel-fast, Mr. Brown said. "We will provide the money, but the money, of course, will be of better use if there is stability,"

He said he would accompany Mo Mowlam, secretary for Northern Ireland. and politicians who participated in the peace talks in the opening stages of a new mission this autumn to 10 U.S. cities aimed at attracting toore big business to a pacified Northern Ireland.

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The aid package is targeted at encouraging investment and entrepreneurship in what bas remained a backwater in the surging British economy. Because of rupted life and caused more than 3,200 deaths in the past three decades, the vestors. It also missed out on the rev-Thatcher in the 1980s that reduced state man and U.S. companies to pursue a control of the economy and energized British business.

London subsidizes the province at a rate of £1,800 a year for each of its 1.6 tinational enterprises, 1t operates in 50 million inhabitants, and that money has gone to trying to control the conflict by funding large numbers of civil service and community assistance jobs.

For years we have been attempting to protect the Northern Ireland economy," Mr. Brown said. "From today we can begin to build it."

Northern Ireland still has the highest unemployment rate in Britain, 7.9 perlic work sector and the vast private and signed up nearly 2 million subscribers for movies or television programming."



Gordon Brown visiting a Shorts aerospace factory on Tuesday in Belfast, where he announced London's \$514 million assistance package.

necessary during the unrest.

"We have become a dependency culture." said Christopher Gibson, the Belfast director of the Confederation of British Industry, "and the peace div-

idend comes with a peace cost."
In my opinion. Stephen Kingon, chief of the Chamber of Commerce, said. 'h will take 10 to 15 years to convert us from a public sector-dominated economy to a private sector-led one."
The aid package includes £65 million

earmarked for job creation and skills upgrading in such areas as software. engineering and construction. Another million will go to lourism, a sector that has grown rapidly after past—from eight political parties and the gov-cease-fires and is expected to surge—ernments of Ireland and Britain.

police security apparatus that has been should the peace settlement be adopted. Roy Baillie, chairman of the Northem Ireland Tourist Board, preducted tourism in the province would generate an additional 20,000 jobs over the next five years.

Other expenditures itemized were

£100 million for a special tax relief plan to stimulate investment in small and midsize businesses and £129 million for improving transportation, schools and housing.

Mr. Gibson said, "We have to get out there to convince people we are open for business, that we have stopped the son of arguing and fighting which are inconsequential in the 21st century.

The peace agreement that is coming to a vote was hammered out by negotiators

ULSTER: Referendum Campaign Underscores Citizens' Wariness

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theme demonstrates the delicate political and emotional undercurrents that come into play as both sides intensify their campaigns on the accord, which will be put to a referendum here and in the Republic of Ireland on May 22.

People here are being asked to do the unthinkable: approve a pact that raises apprehension among all voters. Political and rectorical minefields abound: For example, when Roman Catholic nationalists refer to the pact as an "all-Ireland" agreeIn contrast with the Rep ment, that infuriates unionists whose al-"the mainland" in their campaigns be- hard fought. cause that riles nationalists who want to merge with the Republic of Ireland.
Mr. Oliver was mindful of such sens-

itivities last week when he unveiled the alienated and the agreement would allow campaign's pro-referendum logo on a flatbed truck outside City Hall here, the governing Protestant majority. But After rejecting the peace logos, his cam-paign opted for a safe, market-tested approach featuring two road signs. One has an arrow and the slogan, "Vote Yes. It's the Way Ahead." The other indicates a dead-end, with a warning that voting against the pact is "a dead-end street."

The very notion of a political campaign to resolve decades of seething hatreds seems while political analysts say the agreebut by "spray jobs," when militants walk up to an enemy and open fire.

People bere are so suspicious of prom-

toward peace. Given the ambivalence, it whelming showing could result in a new do is to argue that it could be a baby step is easier to activate voters who are repelled by the 67-page treaty, a document being packed with hard-life opponents that has provisions that cause even backers of the agreement to wince.

failure," said Kathleen Stephens, the U.S. consul general in Northern Ireland. "Even the young people feel this in-

In contrast with the Republic of Ireland, where the biggest challenge for legiances are with Britain. But unionists supporters is to get people to the polls. must take care not to refer to Britain as the campaigning in Northern Ireland is The Catholic minority overwhelm-

ingly favors the accord, polls show, perhaps because Catholics have long felt them, finally, to share some power with the treaty may be in jeopardy because of deep divisions among Protestants who, in parlance of American politics, could be described as the "swing voters." Recent polls show that as many as half

of Protestant voters have not made up their minds — and when they do. they The concept of compromise has never been a feature of Northern Irisb politics.

Seem to be moving to the no column. Those voters are the prime targets of Those voters are the prime targets of

alien in a place where differences have ment will probably be approved, its back-long been addressed not by sloganeering ers worry that if Protestants do not unite it will undermine the foundation of the accord, which was built on consensus.

Politicians on both sides say the

ises of peace that political parties in favor of the pact are finding the best they can not draw well beyond 60 preent of the voie. In practical terms, a les-than-overwho will seek to thwart the agreement.

"There will be very great difficulties The place is littered with political if the yes vote is only marginal or from one community," said John Major, the former British prime ministerwho campaigned here for the agreemen last week.
"A minority can inhibit an agreement."

Many Protestants are applied by a provision that calls for early rdease over the next two years of paramiltary prisoners, many of whom committed atrocious crimes. They are also rightened because some members of Sim Fein, the political wing of the Irish Republican Army, would be elected to thenew governing body for Northern Ireland.

The pro-referendum forces may have a hard time winning over viters like John Rooney, a 32-year-old trick driver from Belfast. "Who wants prisoners running the country?" he sail "This problem here has been goin on for hundreds of years; it's going to take more than a piece of paper and politicians to solve this thing.

Compounding their problem is that proponents began campaigningin earnest only in recent days, while neir opponents have been far better oganized and more visible. Proponents wee slow to move - even by the British tadition of brief campaign seasons - ecause many supporters assumed the agreement would draw more universal supprt.

George Mitchell, who was chirman of the peace talks, shed his usual aution in a recent interview and remarke about

'I don't think the result is a soo-in, and I've encouraged them to been and continue an aggressive campaignin bebalf of the referendum because thre is a lot of organized opposition," the briner U.S. senator said.

A most striking element of thecampaign is that for the first time; has forced politicians here to try to med the opinions of their constituents an not just stick to their timeworn sunds. Fierce enemies have found themelves on the same side - and are sellin the deal for very different reasons.

Gerry Adams, president of Sinn ein, told his backers that the agreement wold ultimately lead to a united Ireland His group's slogan: "Deliver Real Chane." But David Trimble, the leader othe Ulster Unionists, the largest Proteant. Party, assured his devotees that defet of the referendum would represent a ictory for nationalists. His logo feares the Union Jack, and the slogan is "ay Yes for the Union.

'Anyone who is voting no is allowng

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the sectarian confrontation that has dis- rather than the two governments - is

shaping the relationship.
On both sides of the Atlantic, compaprovince has had more difficulty than the rest of Britain in attracting foreign infree trade zone and the European Unolution under Prime Minister Margaret ion's single currency have spurred Ger-

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million members worldwide. The German media titan exercises a powerful role in pop, country and classical music markers through the RCA. Arista and Ariola record labels. It owns three Germans commercial TV networks cent, and faces increased joblessness and as Europe's biggest broadcaster owns

on-line services in partnership with America Online and CompuServe.

When Berielsmann stunned the literary world by announcing the acquisition of Random House, the news led to a lot of anxious commentary about whether the German media giant was now trying to gobble up the \$21 billion American book industry. If the deal to purchase one of publishing's crown jewels goes ahead, it will transform Bertelsmann, which already owns Bantam Doubleday Dell. into the world's largest producer of Englisb-language books.

Bertelsmann executives reject accusations that they are acting as greedy corporate predators. What inspired the Random House deal, they insist, is the upbeaval in global commerce and information that has overwhelmed national boundaries and transformed the media business into a planetary phenomenon.

We are expanding in the United States because Americans simply create some of the best entertainment in the once reductions start in the bloated pubstakes in dozens of other properties. It has world, whether it is books, music,

Mark Woessner, 59, Bertelsmann's chief executive, said in an interview.

In the new millennium, Mr. Woessner said, the driving force behind the the Benelsmann Foundation that controls world's productive output will be the more than two-thirds of the company's informatioo supplied by communica- shares, Mr. Mohn believes those who try tions companies.

The company has come a long way from its humble origins, which date to 1835 when Carl Bertelsmann decided to start publishing Protestant hymnals for strategy for rapid expansion in the residents of Guetersloh. The family United States. It already does one-third business was shut down four generations laier by the Nazis, and its printing plants were destroyed by allied bombing raids during World War II.

When Carl Berrelsmann's great-grand-son, Reinhard Mohn, returned home in 1946 after spending three years in American prisoner-of-war camps, he decided the only way to resurrect the company was to apply some of the Yankee ingenuity he learned during his captivity.

Benelsmann expanded rapidly into international markets, taking advantage of Mr. Mohn's devotion to the concept of Thomas Middelhoff, 44, who of giving his far-flung employees as negotiated the Random House deal. the Trojan horse of a united Irelan to proceed," he said.

much autonomy and responsibility as they could handle.

Now 77, and still active as chairman of to run a global business from central headquarters are doomed to failure.

The Random House purchase is only of its business in the United States equal to the share in Germany. Company managers want to increase the U.S. share of the company's business to 40 percent within two years.

One sector of the media world that Bertelsmann plans to avoid is the film

"We don't have a great degree of experience in filmmaking, so getting involved with Hollywood would be disastrous." said Mr. Woessner, who will retire as chief executive this autumn in

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Bundesbank Official Fears Meddling on Rates

Deal on European Central Bank Is 'Bad Omen' for Institution's Independence, He Says

By Alan Friedman International Herald Tribune

ROME - The French German deal to split the eight-year term of the first president of the European Central Bank is "a bad omen" that could arises, not of cutting interest rates but ing over interest-rate decisions after the introduction of the euro, a Bundesbank official said Tuesday

Reimut Jochimsen, an outspoken member of the Bundesbank council, said the fact that European Union leaders had already decided on the nationality of the successor to the first central bankers chosen for the expresident of the bank, Wim Duisenberg, was 'a bad omen' because it violated the spirit of the Maastricht treaty. Under the bitterly wrought deal between Paris and Bonn, Mr. Duisenberg of the Netherlands will take Coffice when the bank begins operations

July 1 but is to resign and hand the reins over to Jean-Claude Tricher, now the governor of the Bank of France, about halfway through his term.

Mr. Jochimsen went beyond previous reactions by the Bundesbank to

the French-German deal and offered European summit meeting in Brussels euro with heavy mortgages, and it an explicit warning that those parathe beginning of this month. Mr. could take 20 years to bring these ticipating in Europe's economic and monetary union might find themselves

'Maybe Schroede jousong over interest-rate policy.

I am sure that once the issue be a harbinger of political deal-maknational governments will press their own interests," Mr. Jochimsen said. 'I am not sure there is an understanding that we now have 'Euroland' and not just national states looking

after their national interests." While he praised the caliber of the ecutive board of the European Central Bank, Mr. Jochimsen accused European political leaders of "a lack of perspective about what European integration is really about."

Asked whether he thought Gerhard Schroeder of Germany, the Social Democrats' candidate for chancellor in this year's election, might have behaved differently from the incumbent, Helmut Kohl, when faced with French demands for its candidate in

'Maybe Schroeder would have left the meeting rather than backing down or would bave forced a truly multilateral approach," Mr. Jochimsen said. The Bundesbank official also voiced concern about the new socalled Euro-X council of finance min-isters representing the 1 I nations joining Europe's single currency, the

euro, next year.
"My fear is that it will concentrate less on monitoring monetary policy and think more of the euro's interestrate policy in terms of export issues. and employment and trade issues, he said of the council.

Mr. Jochimsen also said he remained worried about the presence in the euro zone of highly indebted nations such as Italy and Belgium. "We have started in a big group of ! I nations which is more heterogeneous than ! would think is advisable," be said.

We have countries such as Belgium and Italy which are way out on share the bank's presidency at the debt levels, and so we will start the a year or two of its introduction.

levels down."

Mr. Jochimsen did not spare the European Commission, saying that in producing a report March 25 that recommended the admission of the 11 nations to the euro zone, the commission "did not really obey" the Maastricht treaty, which set economic criteria for nations joining the euro.

■ 'Phony' Books Imperil Euro

The euro could be in trouble within two or three years of its birth because of the "phony accounting" practiced by participating governments, a U.S. fund manager said in Geneva on

Tuesday, Reuters reported.

The euro will be the "single most important thing happening in the world in the next five years — if it works," said Jim Rogers, co-founder of the Quantum Fund with George Soros

But Mr. Rogers said he believed the single currency would not work. Hc forecast that at least one country would withdraw from the euro within



Mrs. Roddick, despite relinquishing post, will stay "at the forefront" in Body Shop.

A Makeover for Body Shop

By Andrew Ross Sorkin

New York Times Service

LONDON - Anita Roddick, the animalrights activist who built Body Shop Inter-

national PLC from a single bontique to a

global enterprise over 22 years, said Tuesday

sbe would relinquish day-to-day responsibil-ities as the ailing cosmetics retailer tried in

Gournay from the French food company

Groupe Danone to replace Mrs. Roddick as

chief executive. She will remain at the com-

pany and retain the title of co-chairman along

The move, which the Roddicks said was

including losses in the United States and a

But the company acknowledged that in-

with her husband, Gordon.

stem declines in its sales and share price.

Danone Executive to Replace Founder Roddick as CEO

Lockheed's Bid Prevails in \$6 Billion Fighter Deal

By Tim Smart Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - The United Arab Emirates has chosen Lockheed Martin Corp. 's F-16 fighter over competing European aircraft in a deal worth up to \$6 billion, a UAE official

said Tuesday. The crown prince of Abu Dhabi, Sbeikh Khalifa ibn Zaid al Nahayan. informed President Bill Clintoo of the planned purchase during talks at the White House.

The deal could cover as many as 80 F-16s, which are made by Lockheed Martin in Fort Worth, Texas.

The F-16, a mainstay of the U.S. Air Force arsenal and a popular multipurpose fighter used by several U.S. allies including Israel and Jordan, was chosen over the French-made Rafale fighter and the Eurofighter, a new design marketed by a European consortium.

The choice of the F-16 is a buge boost for Lockheed Martin because the U.S. Air Force has largely concentury by the Joint Strike Fighter. Largely on the strength of international sales, the F-16 remains one of the top-selling products made by

Lockheed Martin, Lockheed Martin shares rose several years away. \$1.0625 Tuesday to close at

The model being bought by the United Arab Emirates will be offered by Lockheed in compections to sell arms to Chile and Saudi Arabia, ana-

This will give Lockheed Martin heart to develop new variants, which fighters. will keep this plane competitive into the next century," said Richard Aboulatia, an analyst with the Teal Group in Fairfax.

lysts said.

"It's absolutely key to preserve Lockheed Martin's role in the midrange fighter market."

Mr. Aboulafia said the additional F-16s would keep the company's in its fifth attempt to intercept a sur- Grumman Corp., Moog Inc. and fighter production lines operating be- rogate enemy ballistic missile. Hewlett Packard Co.

to start producing its newest attack aircraft, the F-22

The company is competing with Boeing Co. to manufacture the Joint Strike Fighter, but production of that aircraft in any significant quantity is

The decision to choose the F-16 is a blow for the European manufacturers, who often come up short in direct competitions with American-made fighters and must settle for deals involving countries where political concerns limit the Pentagon's ability to justify the sale of its most advanced

The United Arab Emirates is considered a staunch U.S. ally, and conservative Arab rulers have been favoring American-made planes,

■ Lockheed Missile Fails Test

Lockheed Martin's new missile system for protecting soldiers failed

cluded its purchases of the plane, yound 2000, when Lockheed Martin is Bloomberg News reported, quoting which will be replaced in the next to start producing its newest attack company and Army officials.

The U.S. Defense Department said a preliminary investigation had indicated that the so-called Theater High Alorude Area Defense system missile had lost control sbortly after it was launched from at the White Sands test range in New Mexico.

Missile debris landed on the missile range about two miles (three kilometers) from the launch site, as planned in the event of failure, the Pentagon said. Data from the test flight were being

examined in determine the cause of the failure, the Pentagoo said. forefront of The Body Shop." If the missile eventually succeeds, it could be worth billions of dollars to both Lockheed and Raytheon Co.,

vestors wanted a change after a steep fall in its share price. Body Shop's stock hit a threewhich makes the system's tracking radars, analysts said. Other major year low of 108 pence in March. It closed cootractors include Honeywell Inc., Tuesday at 120, up 1. Boeing Co.'s North American division, Silicon Graphics Inc., Northrop

sbe once dismissed as 'pinstriped dinosaurs," Mrs. Roddick, 55, known as the "Queen of Green," started Body Shop in 1976 in the English seaside reson of Brighton. Today the company's fruit- and flower-scented cosmetics in recyclable packaging are sold through 1,600 Body Sbop retail outlets worldwide.

The company's success turned the Roddicks into multimillionaires and Mrs. Roddick into Britain's most famous businesswoman. But The company said it had appointed Patrick over the years she has come under fire from the press and from competitors who questioned the company's claim that it did not allow testing on

animals in formulating its products.

The strategy of driving sales growth by opening new stores also has run into trouble in Asia because of the economic downturn.

voluntary, came as Body Sbop announced profit for 1997 that was unchanged from the previous year, at £38 million (\$62 million), bad become too big for them to manage. "At this size of business, we really are not good at

steep fall in sales in Japan. "So am I stepping line management." be said.

back? Absolutely oot," Mrs. Roddick said in a separate move, Body a statement. "I will continue to be at the plans to form a join ventue. In a separate move, Body Shop announced plans to form a join venture with Bellamy Retail Group LLC to try to rescue its ailing .S. business, currently operated by Buth-Na-Bodhaige Inc.

Analysts praised the new partnership They really occided to do something about the business in the U.S.," a London-based Mrs. Roddick's departure from day-to-day analyst said, speaking on condition of an-operations marks a watershed in the company's history and a major concession to the need to focus their attention on the brand and City of London's investment community that away from just opening up more sbops."

MEDIA MARKETS

*U.S. Publishers Invade Latin America

U.S. magazines and newspapers

are stampeding south, lured by

newly opened markets and newly

CURRENCY & INTEREST RATES

By James Brooke New York Times Service

ECIFE, Brazil - In this languid beachfront city. home to Latin America's oldest newspaper, news-stands are suddenly filling with glossy upstarts— Selecces, a new Brazilian edition of Reader's Digest, and newspaper supplements of Time and Fortune in fortuguese. Hot on the beels of U.S. cable television's nvasion of Latin America.

nagazines and newspapers from he United States are stampeding south. In the past two years, magazine publishers have started Spanish-language editions of Newsweek, Glamour, Discover, People, National Geographic and Rolling Stone.

In the newspaper field, 20 Latin American newspapers now publish Wall Street Journal Americas, a daily section of the Journal's business news translated into Spanish or, for Brazil, Portuguese. For tourists and business travelers, the Miami Portuguese. For tourists and business travelers, the Miami Herald has rapidly become Latin America's international English-language newspaper, establishing 10 satellite printing sites in two years, including one in Sao Paulo last month. "By the end of the decade, I see probably three more printing sites and total distribution going up to 35,000 in 40,000," said Jose Romano, the Herald's international manager. With these sales, Latin America could soon account for 10 percent of the Herald's daily circulation, currently 366,243.

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Several publications have become big success stories in Latin America. Brazilian sales of Reader's Digest in Portugnese soared to 600,000 last month from 35,000 two years ago; and six months after their debuts, National Geographic en Espanol is selling 290,000 copies a month, and Glamour en Espanol is selling 500,000.

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Hugh Wiley, president of Time Inc.'s Latin American division, said: "Europe and Asia bave traditionally been the largest revenue areas for Time Inc. International, but now we view Latin America as the place for explosive growth. It is the

only region in the world we can cover entirely in two languages." At Reader's Digest, Christopher Willcox, the magazine's editor-in-chief, said. 'After the war, we did most of our expansion in Europe. We now see Latin America and the Asia-Pacific region as our 21st century.

The explosion in U.S. publishing is part of a wider surge in foreign investment in Latin America. Over the past five years, the annual flow of new foreign investment into Latin America bas quadrupled, hitting \$50 billion in 1997. During the same

period, the foreign-investment flow to Brazil, the region's bebemoth, increased by a factor of 14, to \$18 billion. U.S. publishers are drawn to Latin America for the same reasons that other investors are lured: newly opened markets and newly tamed inflation rates.

tamed inflation rates. "It's very difficult to sell subscriptions in a market where inflation is byper," Mike Brennan, the Digest's vice president for developing markets, said, referring to the early 1990s, when Brazil's monthly inflation

reterring to the early 1990s, when Brazil's monthly inflation regularly hit four digits. This year, Brazil's inflation is expected to be 4 percent.

With a stable currency allowing long-term subscription sales, Reader's Digest has become Brazil's second-largest-selling magazine after Veja, a long-established newsweekly owned by Editora Sensish Alices, Selessioner subscription.

For the Digest's Spanish edicoo, Selecciones, subscripcion sales have allowed the Digest to sell 150,000 copies a month in Chile and 250,000 in Argentina, becoming the best-selling magazine in those two countries. Last month, Selecciones

started selling subscriptions in Peru and Colombia. "If you look at Europe today, you see Lann America 10 years from now," Mr. Brennan said. He said the Digest now sold 1.7 million copies a month in Latin America.

The strength and size of the Brazilian economy have prompted U.S. publishers to overcome ingrained biases in favor of Mexico and Spanish over Brazil and Portuguese.

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Very briefly:

 BCE Inc. plans to sell its 14.25 percent stake, valued at £956 million (\$1.6 billion), in Cable & Wireless Communications

• Nike Inc. is taking steps to improve conditions at its factories around the world, including raising the minimum age for athletic-shoe workers to 18. Nike also said it would raise the age thresbold for other light-manufacturing workers to 16.

 Guatemala filed an \$800 million lawsuit against the largest tobacco companies, accusing them of violating U.S. racketeering laws to conceal information on the bealth risks of cigarettes. The suit was filed against BAT Industries PLC and its Brown & Williamson cigarette unit, Brooke Group Ltd.'s Liggett unit and Philip Morris Cos.

 Boston Properties Inc. agreed to buy San Francisco's giant Embarcadero Center office and retail complex, known as the Rockefeller Center of the West, for \$1,22 billion.

• Polaroid Corp. bas set up its sunglasses business as a separate unit so it eventually can spin off a stake to share-holders, the first of what may be a series of such transactions

The dollar slipped to 5.9540 French francs from 5.9585 francs and to 1.4810 Swiss francs from by the instant-photo company.

Grim Signs For Japan Weaken Yen

NEW YORK - The dollar rose against the yen Tuesday, buoyed by evidence that the Japanese economy was weakening further and worries about continued turbulence in Indonesia.

The Economic Planning Agency said the Japanese economy had been 'stagnant' and that the severity of its problems was "increasing fur-ther." Fears of deflation grew as

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wholesale prices fell 2.3 percent in April from a year earlier. In 4 P.M. trading, the dollar was

at 133.950 yen, up from 132.835

yen Monday.

Worries about possible intervention by the Bank of Japan lingered after Haruhiko Kuroda, head of the Ministry of Finance's International Finance Bureau, noted that joint U.S.-Japanese intervention in the currency market was always possible. But traders seemed intent on challenging the Bank of Japan after the dollar rose above 133.50 yen, the level at which it intervened April 9,

The continued bad news and negative comments coming out of the leadership in Japan are forcing the market to test the will of the Bank of Japan," said Benjamin Strauss, senior dealer at Bank Julius Baer.

Most Asian currencies fell after Indonesian police opened fire on thousands of protesters in Jakarta. The dollar fell to 1.7757 Deutsche

marks from 1.7760 DM, partly re-flecting the mark's strength against the yen. The pound rose to \$1.6330 from \$1.6293 despite its European losses against the mark after reports that the hedge fund manager George Soros had bet beavily against it.

The dollar slipped to 5.9540

U.S. Files Antitrust Suit to Block Primestar Deal

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Justice Department sued Tuesday to block a \$1.1 billion merger between Primestar Inc. and the direct broadcast satellite businesses of News Corp. and MCI Telecommunications Inc. The deal would have given the five largest

U.S. cable-television companies, which together own Primestar, a major share of the emerging business that beams television programs from satellites directly into people's homes. The deal

Tuesday's 4 P.M. Close

up to the closing on Wall Street.

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was opposed by a coalition of consumer groups led by Consumers Union and by rival satellite broadcasters,

The government lawsuit said the deal would allow the cable companies that own Primestar --Tele-Communications Inc., Time Warner Inc., Comeast Corp., Cox Enterprises Inc. and US West/MediaOne — to protect their monopolies and keep out new competitors using the satellite technology. TCI and Time Warner are the largest and second-largest U.S. cable companies.

With Bid, SBC Bets on Local Phone Market,

By Steven Pearlstein Washington Post Service

U.S. telecommunications law three ogy and regulations allow. years ago, Congress envisioned a competitive free-for-all in which long-distance companies and local telephone companies, cable operators and Internet providers would invade one another's businesses.

consumers little to show for the new providing lots of new services law in the way of lower prices, new services or convenience.

with its bold move Monday to ac-

possible and to try to sell consumers companies. WASHINGTON - In rewriting as many other services as technol-

Group Inc., a market-research concern. "The local phone companies Nynex Corp. in the Northeast have figured out that it is better for But in the years since, much of their shareholders to combine with this new competition has bogged each other than to accept the risks down in technical difficulties and and the expense of getting into price regulatory skirmishing - leaving wars, building new facilities and

through their networks."

If its bid for Ameritech - along Now SBC Communications Inc., with a previously announced acquisition of Southern New England breakthroughs. quire Ameritech Corp. for about \$65 Telephone Co. - is allowed to probillion, has placed a huge bet that ceed, SBC would control one of

Analysts predicted that the SBC-

Ameritech deal would trigger other "The keys to this kingdom are the local telephone loops," said Ken McGee, a vice president of Gartner example, Bell Atlantic Corp. which only recently swallowed up would be tempted to extend its hold on the Eastern seaboard by acquiring BellSouth Corp. in the country's booming Southeast.

Such combinations - because they involve combining relatively to complete the call at both ends. well-run local phone monopolies from different areas - will not generate big cost reductions or service

But both SBC and Bell Atlantic are banking on the hope that, by the competitive free-for-all will not everythree phone lines in the United baving such a huge base of cusoccur soon. Instead, it has con- States. It also would control half of tomers, they will eventually be able cluded that the best telecommuni- all business-phone lines, and busi- to steal a march on the long-distance

tion in prices for goods and services.

said, the yield on the 30-year bond

would fall toward 5.5 percent later

this year. That would also be good

for the stock market, which has been

Nonetheless, stock investors were cautious ahead of reports on

producer and consumer prices due

Retailer stocks were strong after Wal-Mart, the largest U.S. retailer, said its profit rose 27 percent in the quarter ended April 30. Wal-Mart rose 1 11/16 to 52 13/16, Sears Rosebuck rose 2 11/16 to 61 9/16, and Ames Department Stores

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were well received. Young & Rubicam rose to 281/s from an offering

price of 25. The advertising com-

an initial price of 14. The telecom-

munications-software company

Evolving Systems rose 51/2 from

Verio, an Internet-service pro-

Check Point Software Technol-

ogies rose 41/4 to 311/4 after the soft-

ware company expanded its two-

year partnership with Microsoft to

manage global networks running Microsoft Windows NT.

vider, sold an initial 5.5 million shares

at 23; the shares closed at 271/4.

pany sold 16.6 million shares.

Several initial public offerings

gained 1 7/16 to 25%.

sold 4.6 million shares,

buoyed by low interest rates.

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If this analysis is correct, they

cations strategy is simply to buy up ness users provide a disproportion-as many local phone customers as are share of revenue for telephone of the providers AT&T Corp. and MCL. Communications Corp. by turning the providers are share of revenue for telephone of the providers AT&T Corp. and MCL. between New York and Atlanta (inthe case of Bell Arlantic) or Chicago and Los Angeles (in the case of SBC) into a local call carried ex-

clusively on their own networks. According to Raul Katz, an industry consultant with Booz-Allen &, Hamilton Inc., that kind of geographic range would give the local compa-3 nies a big price advantage over a long-distance carrier, which would be required to pay an access charge

The local phone companies also ! would have a marketing advantage, Mr. Katz argued.

He contended that most consumers, if given a choice, would rather buy all their telecommunications services from their local, provider rather than their long-dis-. tance companies.

Carbonate Of Branson

NEW YORK - Virgin Cola, the upstart British softdrink company started three years ago by Richard Branson. the music industry and airline executive, plunged into the crowded and bostile U.S. beverage market Tuesday.

Mr. Branson said he had no illusions. 'It's certainly challenging to take on a company. like Coke," be said. "Pepsi and Coke are giving them deals all the time. The number of retailers stocking Virgin Cola have increased month by month. They realize the benefits of having three companies to play off each other." Mr. Branson said that Virgin

Cola would be sold for about 10 percent less than Coke and Pepsi to retailers, "and if they pass it on to the consumer, we'd welcome that."

He plans to start small. "You don't have to build a very large market share to be profitable in the U.S., "he said. "We wouldn't even be look-

ing at a 1 percent share," said Alexis Dormandy, Virgin Cola's executive vice presi-

"Our first aim is just to build the brand, and once you've got that going, you build the volume off of that."

Bonds' Rise Sends Shares Higher

NEW YORK — Share prices were might well be generating inflationary because of the weakness in manpressures, Merrill said, the number of ufacturing and the absence of inflamostly higher Tuesday, with support from higher Treasury bond prices and some strong earnings offset by

economic reports due this week.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed 70.25 points higher at 9,161.77, and the Standard & Poor's

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500 index finished up 9.16 points at 1.115.80, But losing issues outpaced gaining ones by an 8-to-7 ratio on the New York Stock Exchange.

The price of the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond rose 26/32, to 102 5/32, sending the yield down to 5.97 percent from 6.03 percent Monday, Prices were lifted by ample demand for the \$10 billion of threeyear notes sold by the Treasury in its final sale of the securities. Merrill Lynch & Co. on Tuesday

offered an uncharacteristically blunt recommendation to its clients;
"Buy bonds," An advisory from
Bruce Steinberg, Merrill's chief
economist, said fixed-income securities were likely to rise regardless of whether central bankers voted to increase interest rates.

Looking back to Friday's report on U.S. employment, Merrill said there was "a lot of static" in the numbers, which showed the unemployment rate tumbling to a 28-year low of 4.3 percent in April as 262,000 jobs were created. But although those numbers

hours worked fell, especially in the manufacturing sector. As a result, Merrill said industrial

investor caution ahead of several production "almost certainly de-clined in April." It also pointed out that one-quarter of U.S. manufactured goods were exported.

Merrill's economists said they did not think the Federal Reserve Board's Open Market Committee would vote

AT&T Breakup: **Boon to Investors**

Bloomberg News

NEW YORK — Long-term Investors in AT&T Corp.'s shares can thank the 1984 breakup of American Telephone & Telegraph Co. for market-beating returns of 1,128 percent.
Those massive returns in-

clude the prices of all the shares through April 30 and the values created by stock splits, reinvested dividends, spinoffs and mergers. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index, by contrast, returned 958 percent, including reinvested dividends, in the same period. Shareholders who owned AT&T on Dec. 30, 1983, when it closed at S61.50, beld sbares worth \$755 on Monday.

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BMW Raises Investment Plans in U.S.

MUNICH

Bayerische Motoren Werke AG said Tuesday it would hire 1,000 additional workers at its U.S. factory and triple its planned investment in the development of a sport-utility vehicle to be made there

BMW said it would raise its investment in the project to \$600 million from the \$200 million it originally planned to pump into developing the vehicle in Spartan-burg, South Carolina.

The expanded investment signals BMW's intentions to increase production outside Germany, which has some of the world's highest labor costs, and to serve the growing U.S. appetite for sport-utility vehicles. BMW already makes its two-seat Z3 roadster in South Carolina.

The move was announced as BMW said sales in the first four months of 1998 rose 6 percent, to 20.46 billion Deutsche marks (\$11.53 billion). The sport-utility vehicle project is to begin next year. The factory, which currently employs 2,000, makes about 50,000 Z3

roadsters a year. Separately, Bernd Pischetsrieder, BMW's chief executive, said the automaker would not try to outbid Volkswagen AG to buy Rolls-Royce

Motor Cars Ltd. from Vickers PLC. But he said BMW's £340 million (\$554.5 million) bid still could prevail because BMW has the support of Rolls-Royce PLC, which owns the trademark name even though the aircraft-engine maker got out of the car business 18 years ago.

Rolls-Royce PLC has said it will not start negotiating over the name until Vickers shareholders decide who will get the carmaker.

The vote is set for June 4. VW bid £430 million for Rolls-Royce.

Tuesday, May 12

Prices in local currencies.

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Helsinki

By John Schmid

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FRANKFURT - Deutsche Telekom AG, suffering the latest in a series of setbacks since it lost its telephone monopoly in January, said Tuesday that it might take a charge of as much as 4.5 billion Deutsche marks (\$2.53 billion) against this year's earnings because of its unprofitable cable

television network Europe's biggest telecommunications company, which has railed against German regulatory rulings intended to allow competition, blamed pending losses in its cable-TV business on a ruling in late April by regulators that would require Telekom to reduce its monthly

cable-connection fees next year. After Telekom resisted pressure to sell its cable operations out of for fear that a rival could convert them into a competing telephone network, the company Tuesday gave its clearest indication to date that it might reverse its position and eventually sell the cable network. which is the biggest in Germany. Telekom's cable operations, which reach more than 17 million

households, had a loss last year of 1.1 billion DM. To try to reduce the loss, the

company lifted monthly fees to market share since Germany lib-25.90 DM from 22.50 DM. But regulators ruled that Telekom market Jan 1, allowing some cusregulators ruled that Telekom could only maintain the fee at that

Cable TV Takes Toll on Telekom

level through the end of 1998 and then must cut it to 23.63 DM. The decision effectively blocks the company from using a fee increase as a way of making its cable operations profitable, Telekom

"The regulators in Germany have been among the toughest on

The company might decide to sell its cable network, the biggest in Germany.

the incumbent operators in Europe," said Victoris Granger, an industry analysi at Merrill Lyncb in London.

The profit warning issued Tuesday is likely to diminish sharebolder enthusiasm for a new offering of Telekom shares that is due next year from the Bonn government, which currently holds 74 percent of the company.

The cable setback follows an estimated loss by the company of two to three percentage points in

tomers to leave after years of what many considered indifferent service and high prices.

Several senior managers also have left this year in the wake of a loss of 1.5 billion DM last year in Telekom's foreign operations that was ascribed to troubles in its Asian operations and start-up problems at its Global One alliance with France Telecom SA and

Sprint Corp. of the United States. To finance a 1997 shareholder dividend that it guaranteed in more optimistic times, Telekom paid out its entire 3.3 billion DM in net profit for the year.

Its stock has stagnated for much of the year, and Telekom's troubles have been so numerous that German newspapers have speculated that its chairman, Ron Sommer, might lose his job.

Telekom has denied such speculation.

Before Telekom announced its possible charge, most analysts expected the company's 1998 pretax profit to rise to about 11 billion DM from 7.2 billion DM last year. Telekom's shares fell in the

wake of the profit warning, closing at 44.85 DM, down 0.74.

PPG's Move Opens Up Courtaulds

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LONDON - A bidding war for Courtaulds PLC appeared set to break out Tuesday after PPG Industries Inc. confirmed that it was negotiating to acquire the British paint and coatings company.

PPG has teamed up with the

American investment bank Donaldson Lufkin & Jenrette in the approacb. PPG said that if the talks led to an offer, it would retain the coating business and DLJ would acquire the remaining businesses.

Courtaulds, which last month accepted a bid from the Dutch chemical company Akzo Nobel NV, said Monday that it had received an offer from an unidentified third party that it said could top Akzo's offer of £1.83 billion (\$2.98 billion).

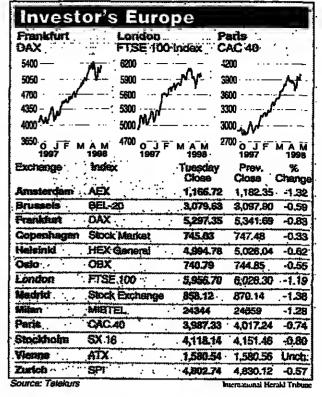
An Akzo spokesman declined to comment on the prospect of a bid-ding battle for Courtaulds, saying only that the company would act "in the interests of shareholders." declined to say whether Akzo would consider raising its bid.

Courtaulds said no offer had yet been received, adding that it would make a further statement "in due course." But dealers in Amsterdam said DLJ's stated intention to take over Courtaulds's fibers operation as part of any bid made the rival approach a realistic threat.

This move could mean that Akzo Nobel will have to pay more than the original bid price of 450 pence per Courtaulds share or that the deal could be off entirely," one Amsterdam trader said. Analysts previously said it would be difficult for any rival to dislodge Akzo unless it had a good plan for Courtaulds's fibers business. In London, Courtaulds stock closed at 473 pence, up

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

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Very briefly:

• SGS-Thomson Microelectropics NV will sell new stock with an estimated value of 1.6 billion French francs (\$268.5) million) to finance growth in anticipation of better demand for semicanductors this year. It said it would sell 3 million shares and a note convertible into an additional 4 million shares.

• The European Commission dismissed as "ruhbish" a report saying it was expected to insist that WorldCom Inc. sell off some of its Internet buildings to get regulatory clearance for its acquisition of MCI Communications Corp.

· Absa Group Ltd., a South African banking company, will merge its four retail banking units into one, cut 1,900 jobs over two years and close as many as 400 branches in 18 months,

 Scandinavian Airlines System had a pretax profit of 613 million Swedisb kronor (\$80.6 million) in the first quarter, reversing a loss of 269 million kronor a year earlier, but it warned that a strike in Denmark would cust it 250 millioo kronor in the current quarter.

 Henkel KGaA, a German specialty-chemicals company, said first-quarter profit rose 21 percent, to 180 million Deutsche marks (\$101.4 million), on rises in foreign sales and gains from acquisitions. Bloomberg, Renters

German Institutes Trim Estimates of '98 Growth to 2.6%

BONN — Six leading institutes percent in 1997. said Tuesday that Germany's economy would continue to grow but at a slightly slower pace than previously forecast.

Largely blaming the Asian financial crisis for the revision, the inthat the German economy would

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The institutes saw some improvement in affluent Western Germany The report predicted inflation but predicted joblessness would rise would remain under control, interest in the East, where unemployment rates would stay steady and wages and disillusionment with the results would rise more than in the past but of German unity have fueled a re-

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Japan Data Raise Fear Of Deflation

TOKYO — Japan's economy is in a sad state, the government said Tuesday, as wholesale prices posted their largest decline in more than 10

years in April. The weak data reignited fears of deflation and pushed down long-term interest rates to record low levels.

Japan's domestic wholesale price index fell 2.3 percent in April from a year earlier, the higgest drop since July 1987, the Bank of Japan said. The data provided more evidence that Japan's economy was experienc-ing deflation — a decline in the prices of goods and services and dragged down the yield of the benchmark 10-year Japanese government bond to a record 1.3 percent.

The Economic Planning Agency said in its report for May that the economy was stagnant and conditions were becoming severe, maintaining its assessment of overall economic conditions from the previous month.

There are some signs that the very bad economic uncertainty from late last year is subsiding," the agency said in its report. "But stagnant final demand is having an impact on the real economy, such as produc-tion and employment.

Ride Gets Bumpy for Makers of China's Bikes

SHANGHAI — In the titanic jumble of hicycle traffic that makes up the morning rush hour here, two brand names rule. Together, Phoenix Co. and Shanghai Forever Bicycle Co. sell nearly half of the bikes in the world's most populous country.
Now, the two state-owned hi-

cycle makers - founded before the Communist revolution triumphed in 1949 — are hitting some frightening potholes. Faced with competition and saddled with aging, inefficient factories, both have watched sales stagnate and revenue tumble.

Looming over the future, a away as France.
hoenix executive said, is unemThe higgest challenge, though, Phoenix executive said, is unemployment on a massive scale as comes from the bottom. Across the China goes through the wrenching vast country, thousands of small restructuring campaign orchestrated by Prime Minister Zhu Rongji.

"This will be a difficult year," the executive. Xu Dawei, said. "Without jobs, people won't have the extra go for half the price of the brandspending power to buy bicycles."

known for their olive-green color and lightweight frames. Shanghai Forever produced clunkier models in black. The two now turn out bikes in a rainbow of colors — and new frame designs and modern braking

and gear systems. But competition to Shanghai Forever and Phoenix, whose basic priced hicycles. models sell for about 500 yuan (\$60) each, is coming from high and low. manufacturers are projected to de-At the top end, multispeed racers cline 15 percent this year. In 1997, and mountain bikes are flooding in Shanghai Forever's revenue fell 2 from as close as Taiwan and as far

vast country, thousands of small shops are putting together their own simple hikes, often recycled from junked or even stolen parts. Depending on their condition, the bikes name models or less.

There also are other problems.

"They don't care about safety 3.58, or 64 percent, so far this year At one time, Phoenix bikes were standards," said Wang Yanzhong.

Chinese exporters of hicycle deputy marketing manager at Shanghai Forever. Their aim is to un-

dercut prices and win customers." Sensing a market trend, Shanghai Forever is taking on the "chop shops" with a new line of cheaper bikes. Mr. Wang said the company would open plants to turn out lower-

Even so, sales for both principal percent, to 726.8 million yuan. Phoenix's edged up 1.3 percent last year, to 1.57 hillion yuan.

Nevertheless, on the Shanghai Stock Exchange, Shanghai Forever's A shares, which can be held only hy domestic investors, finished Tuesday at 8.80 yuan, down 0.20 for the day hut up 2.43, or 38 percent, since the start of the year. Phoenix's A shares rose 0.02 yuan to 9.14 and have risen

Chinese exporters of hicycles also are suffering. Shenzhen China Bicycle Group, based in the liberalized economic zone bordering Hong Kong, saw sales drop and its share price plunge more than 45 percent in the past six months. Much of the decline was attributed to the

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economic slowdown in Asia. China is still a nation of bicycle riders, with about 320 million bikes registered. Three of every five people use a bicycle as their primary mode of transportation.

But competition is growing, not just from foreign brands and secondhand shops but from the internalcombustion engine. In Shanghai, private automobiles number little more than 4,000, hnt there are as many as 400,000 mopeds, or motorized scooters. That compares with the city's 8 million bicycles.

The stagnant bicycle market mir-rors the general slowdown in economic growth, which fell to a 7.2 percent annual rate in the first quarter of the year, sbort of the government's target of 8 percent.

Other manufacturing industries have been hurt, too. Televisions, refrigerators, air conditioners and clothes are piling up in warehouses as Chinese rem in their spending.

Beijing is prodding Shanghai Forever and Phoenix to modernize their outdated technology, streamline management and cut their bloated payrolls as part of the national push that is expected to cut 23 million jobs at state-owned companies.

Phoenix dismissed 2,000 workers last year and plans to lay off another

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5 South Korea Firms Go Bankrupt

Agence France-Presse

SEOUL — Five South Korean companies were declared insolvent Tuesday as finance companies rightened credit lines under a government policy of pulling the plug on nonviable

The five were three units of Keopyung Group, one unit of Dong Ah Group and Kyoung Hyang Construction & Engineering Co.

They went under as banks, worried by their own weak finances, resumed collecting debts, deepening the gloom on the stock market and adding to mounting concerns over a new wave of bankruptcies.

Shiseido Profit Off 12% as Economy Slips

TOKYO - Shiseido Co., Japan's largest cosmetics company, said Tuesday that net profit fell 12 percent in the year that ended March 31 as the ailing economy hurt sales. Net profit was 16.9 hillion yen

(\$127.2 million), compared with a record 19.2 billion yen the previous year. Pretax profit fell to 38.4 billion ven from 41 hillion yen despite an increase in revenue to 620.9 billion yen from 588.6 billion yen.

Shiseido said Beaute Prestige In-

ternational SA, a European fra-grance venture, and its Helene Curtis the company's portfolio fell also hair-salon unit had contributed to the took a bite out of earnings. increase in group sales. But sales in Japan, where the company gets 85 percent of its husiness, rose just 1 percent, and increases in advertising and other costs hurt profit.

"We don't want to just blame the didn't make products the customer wanted to use." The closing of a financial unit and a fitness-club chain

The company's stock rose 54 yen,

or 3 percent, to close at 1,799 after the earnings report, hut it was still down 19 percent from a high of 2,220 reached last August. Shiseido plans to buy back as

bad economy," the company's pres-ident. Akira Gemma, said. We percent of its total outstanding, the company said. It did not say when it would begin the buyback.

(Bloomberg, AFX, Reuters)

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times the size of Mexico's. panding. In the past five years, newspaper sales in Brazil have jumped 9.5 percent.

"Latin America is now the offset presses," said Rosental newspaper columnist who Hebrew and Greek. teaches journalism at the Uni-

rizonte, Brazil Globo, Brazil's largest me-Brazil's third major news- of about 85,000 each.

owned by Dow Jones & Co., bave followed the path of selling translated material for local language supplements in Latin American newspapers. Time, which started in March, now appears in nine newspapers with a total circulation of 900,000. Fortune appears every two weeks in appears every two weeks in 23 newspapers with a total circulation of 1.4 million.

wary of buying these inserts, suspecting that the Americans merely want to famil-iarize Latin readers with their and husinesses in Argentina, iarize Latin readers with their titles so they can sell their magazines separately. Mr. Alves said, "Once they become a known brand name in the market, they could say bye-bye to the paper and launch their own product."

The Wall Street Journal's supplement reaches 2.2 miltion readers through a network restricted largely to one newspaper per country. In Brazil, the Journal will limit itself to one newspaper per state, planning to add six papers in coming years. Of all the American ven-

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Wall Street Journal Americas, in fact, proved so successful that the Journal has expanded from Spanish and best market in the world for Portuguese and produces supplements in Turkish, Polish, Calmon Alves, a Brazilian Korean, German, Chinese,

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> ica. Printing locally via satellite, the Herald moved its deadlines ahead 12 hours, cut its newsstand prices in half and guaranteed home delivery in key foreign markets by 8 A.M.

Some Latin American publishing groups have been wary of buying these inserts, market, limited and same market and Brazil, Chile and Peru.

Continued from Page 15 Americas is by far the most successful," Laura Lopez, a Two years ago, Brazil sur- former Time reporter in Latin passed Mexico as the region's America, said from Santiago, largest recipient of foreign in-Chile, where she is a spokesvestment. With a population woman for a United Nations of 172 million, Brazil has a economic research agency.

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Time and Fortune, both owned by Time Warner Inc., is aiming for the niche market of English-speaking visitors and residents in Latin Americal Inc.

Competing for some of the same market. TimesFax, an selling to Caribbean hotels and

The International Herald Tribune, which is owned by The New York Times Co. and Washington Post Co., has virmally ceded Latin America to The Miami Herald. The newspaper, which prints at 15 sites around the world, stopped printing in Miami a few years ago and sells only 1,500 copies in South America.

"Latin America is not really where our growth goals are now," said David Auchincloss, the newspaper's vice president for the

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 Northwest Airlines Corp. and British Airways PLC are the front-runners to buy a stake in Thai Airways International PCL from the government, said Supachai Pisitwanich, permanent secretary of the Thai Finance Ministry. Nissan Motor Co. will license its pickup-truck manufacturing technology to Daimler-Benz AG, which will use it at its own factory in Brazil. Dairnler and Nissan said Monday

they were exploring ways to cooperate. Toshiba Corp. will reorganize by splitting the operations of its Shibaura Engineering Works Co. unit into a joint venture with Nidec Corp. and merging the rest with its Toshiba

Mechatronics Co. unit. National Mutual Holdings Ltd. and Lend Lease Corp. abandoned plans to merge their life-insurance and fund-management businesses, which would have created one of

Australia's two largest money managers. • South Korean prosecutors arrested Kim Sun Hong, Kia Group's former chief executive, on charges of embezzling 52.3 billion won (\$37.7 million) from the company. • Thailand's Financial Restructuring Authority will anction about 400 million baht (\$10.4 million) of shares this week held

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Jones sprinting to the second-best women's 100 meters time.

Jones Moving Fast

ATHLETICS Marion Jones became the second-fastest woman in history Tuesday when she won a 100-meter race in Chegdu, China, in 10,71 secoods.

Jones' run, in gray, damp conditions, moved her past Merlene Ottey of Jamaica, who has run 10.74, as the second-fastest woman ever. The world record, beld by Florence Griffith-Joyner, is 10.49.

Jooes, a 22-year-old American, finished well ahead of Savatheda Fynes, secood at 11.06, and Fynes's fellow Bahamian, Chandra Sturrup, third at 11.09.

Bird Is Coach of the Year

BASKETBALL Larry Bird, the first-year coach of the Indiana Pacers, was named the National Basketball Association coach of the year Tuesday Bird received 50 of a possible

116 votes from sports writers and broadcasters. Jerry Sloan of Utah was second with 29 votes and Mike Fratello of Cleveland was third with 15.

Pitino's Horse Breaks Leg

HORSE HACING Halory Hunter, which is owned by Rick Pitino, the Boston Celtics' coach, broke a leg Tuesday during a workout at Pimlico Race Course where he was preparing for the Preakness, the second part of the Triple Crown, on Saturday. The colt had finished fourth in the Kentucky Derhy.

Indian Charlie, which finished third in the Derby, will also miss the Preakness. He was withdrawn by trainer Boh Baffert, who was not pleased with his workouts. (AP)

Swedes Roll Over Swiss

ICE HOCKEY Peter Forsberg scored twice as Sweden beat Switzerland, 4-1, Tuesday in Zurich in the first leg of a twomatch semifinal at the World

The United States, meanwhile, could disappear from the championships. It lost, 3-2, to Latvia on Monday and must play in a requalifier in November to keep its place in the event. Jeff Jackson, the U.S. head coach, said he doubts the United States would send a team during the National Hockey League season, "There will be no players available." he said. (AP)

TOCKHOLM — Arguably the test of man-management in sport is having the wisdom and courage to tell a star that, for his and the team's good, he is not selected for the major final be has striven a decade to win.

Gianluca Vialli, player-coach to Chelsea, has until Wednesday evening to decide whether to gamble on the form and fitness of Gianfranco Zola for the European Cup Winners' Cup final against VfB Stuttgart in the Rasunda Stadium in Stockholm. To compound the situation Vialli is a manager of barely two months' standing — and he and Zola are contemporaries, friends and Chelsea's best possible attacking partnership.

You can, of course, ask a frieod to be hooest about his physical shape after a dehilitating injury. With Zola, in particular, you usually get total bonesty anyway. It shines through his performances, through his comments, through his reliability in relationships. He may be the smallest character on the pitch. hut in truthfulness he stands tallest.

On Wednesday, however, he could delude himself. His motivation is not just to play a cup final. Nor is it limited hy desire to atone for a below par night in Copenhagen four years ago when he was part of the Parma side that lost, 1-0,

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to Arsenal in the final of this competition. Overriding those reasons, Zola's compelling wish is to prove to Cesare Maldini, the Italy team coach, that he is fit and deserving of a World Cup place next month.

Without a hig performance, one of his irresistible best. Zola is most likely to be dropped. A year ago, he was a key Italian player; now he could be a ooo-starter when it counts. His decline, doubtless caused hy a long-term groin injury, coincides with the rejuvenation of the Bologna talisman, Roberto Baggio.

Maldini will not igoore what occurs in the Rasuoda where at least one Italian World Cup starter, Roberto di Matteo, also wears Chelsea hlue. Whenever Vialli has selected a team for European games, the Italian trio has been the core of it, even if in English league competition no-one knows from week to week what his line-up might be.

There is a statement bere — and results bave proved it correct - for continental competitions Vialli prefers Italian craft and know-how. Wednesday will be his eighth European final, and no-one who was in Rome in 1996 will forget Vialli's extraordinary leadership, spirit and athleticism as he lifted Juventus to the Champions' Cup.

'The three European finals I won, he says, "I remember very well, I have a picture in mind of wonderful nights. It's an indescribable moment when you lift the cup and you scream with your supporters. The ones I lost, I hardly re-

Those feelings are complicated by duty now. Duty, first and foremost to the team and then, though Vialli might try to cancel this out too, to friendship that brought him and Zola to Chelsea as soul mates lası season. Zola will soon be 32, Vialli 34. They have trusted one another unquestioningly, possibly apart from one moment 18 months ago, wheo Vialli claimed a goal that might have been

Televisioo replays suggested there was daylight between the ball and Vi-alli's bald pate, but Vialli, having rapturously milked the applause, insisted he felt something, a hair's hreadth touch, that slightly deflected Zola's goal-bound shoi. Zola smiled and said if his friend felt a touch, then he was happy for Luca 10 be the scorer. At the time, Vialli's need was desperate; Ruud Gullit, the previous coach, had a habit of starving Vialli of matchplay.

Gullit is gone, unceremoniously sacked by Ken Bates, the club chairman, who claims Gullit dithered too long and demanded too much in contract negotiations. Vialli replaced him, and who knows with another turn of the wheel Zola might be next.

This is Chelsea's un-British way of trusting foreigners to regain the glory that 27 years ago took the West London club to Athens, where it beat Real Mad-rid in the Cup Winners' Cup final. That 1971 Chelsea team is still lauded for its cavalier attitudes. Peter Osgood, Charlie Cooke, Tommy Baldwin and Alan Hudsoo could play like Latins and drink like English navvies.

If Hudsoo were to raise a glass on Wednesday, it will be fruit juice. For he lies in the London Hospital where he was taken last December, at death's door from a blood clot on the brain and shattered pelvis after being struck by a hit-and-run motorist. Slowly, slowly, Hudson is pulling through.

As a player, a thoroughbred, he knows the signs that Zola is defying pain. Zola's groin injury began a year ago when he helped Chelsea win the FA Cup. This season, for Italy and for Chelsea, he ofteo tried to run off that

persistent strain, losing the vivacity that makes him so elusive. The damaged tissne "exploded" 30 minutes into a match against Liverpool on April 25.

Zola went to the beach at Rimini. working to a program set by Geremia Mimmo Pezza, the physiotherapist for Italy's national team, and returned convinced he is mended. Vialli must watch him train, and see if he friendship and team interest can go hand-in-hand. "I'm very happy to have Gianfranco

back. He's such a good player and another weapon," said Vialli on Tuesday. "It's very important for him to play in the final and to show Italy be's one of the best players they can choose."

For Stuttgart, Krassimir Balakov, the Bulgarian, is the thinker, plotter, conductor who sets up Fredi Bobic and Jonathan Akpoborie to score.

Balakov needs no medical Wednesday. His temperament, on the other band, is questioned after, allegedly, he snapped oo the flight to Stockholm on Monday, slapping and head-butting a journalist whose story riled him. Balakov appears up for the fight, Zola thinks be is. In the best sporting tradition, may the best men win.

Rob Hughes is a sports correspondent of The Times of London.

Dispute Imperils Final Of Cup in Amsterdam

UEFA Says Airport Cannot Handle Traffic

Compiled by Our Staff From Desputches

NYON, Switzerland - The Champions Cup final, the most prestigious event in the European soccer seasoo, is under threat because of an argument about landing slots at Schiphol Airport in the Netherlands.

UEFA, the governing body of European soccer, threatened Tuesday to move the final, scheduled for Amsterdam next Wednesday, because Schiphol could

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not handle all the charter flights carrying the teams, officials and thousands of fans to the game.

UEFA said the two finalists, Real Madrid and Juventus, had offered to play a two-legged final with games in Madrid and Turin if the problem could not be resolved. UEFA said it had not accepted that proposal. Dutch officials say the maximum

number of takeoffs and landings at the husv airport has already been reached. Annemarie Jorritsma, the Dutch transport minister, has refused to relax the rules. Dutch authorities bave recently limited takeoffs and landings because of protests over noise.

Fans could also arrive by train, but a strike by Dutch railway workers is threatened for the same day.

"Even the flights due to transport the players of the two clubs have not had permission to land at the airport." UEFA said.

Air France has canceled the flight that was to hring the Juventus team to the

city for the match.

The Dutch soccer association said that about 160 charter flights had been arranged to bring 30,000 Italian and Spanish fans hut that, at the moment, Schiphol could not accept them. UNITED STATES National team players

are arguing with the U.S. federation over who should pay for players' families to travel to the World Cup in France.

Mark Levinstein, a lawyer for the players, said the federation should pay hotel, airline and ticket expenses for

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players' spouses and parents, as it did during the 1990 World Cup in Italy.

But the federation says the players rejected the inclusion of those costs in their collective-bargaining agreement.

'That was not a benefit negotiated on behalf of the players," said Alan Rothenberg, the federation president. "It was totally different in 1990 than today. The players were not paid the kind of money they are now. They don't need to look for a handout from the

federation to bring their families along.
They are very bandsomely paid."
Each U.S. player will receive \$20,000 for being on the final 22-man roster and \$5,000 for each World Cup game the team plays. The players would split an additional \$1.2 million should the United States advance to the second round, \$1.5 million if the team reaches the semifinals, \$1.7 million for reaching the finals and \$2.5 million for winning the championship.

The men's soccer team is the only).S. national team that is unionized

 David Regis, still awaiting citizenship, practiced with the U.S. national team for the first time Monday as the Americans opened their World Cup training camp in San Diego.

Regis, 29, is a Frenchman born in Martinique. He married an American woman three years ago. The U.S. Soccer Federation expects to find out this week whether he will be granted citizenship before World Cup rosters are finalized June 2. Regis scored five goals this season for Karlsruhe in Germany's Bundesliga.

"I think I'll get my citizenship."
Regis said through a translator.
COLOMBIA A Colombian appeals

court decided Monday that Wilson Perez. a veteran international, could not travel to France for the World Cup. Perez, a 30year-old defender, is on bail after being found guilty of drug trafficking.

AUSTRALIA David Hill, the chairman of Soccer Australia, said Tuesday that Australian officials were working on a hid to host the 2010 World Cup. 4AP, Reuters, AFP, WP1



Pat Rafter returning a backhand to Sjeng Schalken, who won their match Tuesday at the Italian Open.

Sampras Rises to Conquer Rome Jinx

The Associated Press

ROME — Pete Sampras ended his Italian Open jinx Tuesday, winning a match at the clay-court event for the first time in four years.

Sampras played erratically but solidly enough on his least favorite surface to beat Thomas Enqvist, 7-6 (7-3).

6-4, after trailing by 1-4 in the first set.
"Ohviously I didn't start off very good, but as the match were on I started feeling better." Sampras said. "It's

Sampras is in Rome to prepare for the French Open, which starts May 25. The French tournament is the only Grand Slam event played on clay and in a match that lasted nearly three hours other seeded players — Petr Korda, the only one that has eluded Sampras.

1994, then lost first-round matches in Sampras's serve, clocked at 125

factor in his victory. 'The conditions are playing very playing on a hard court out there. I was hitting a lot of service winners and

aces. Patrick Rafter's first clay-court tourstill clay-court tennis. It's difficult to nament in nearly a year ended quickly move. But I was able to get the length right on my strokes." when he lost to Sjeng Schalken, a late think I'l replacement. In his first match on the surface since he reached the French in temperatures topping 85 degrees Sampras won the Italian Open in Fahrenheit (29 degrees centigrade).

Schalken, ranked 57th in the world, 1995 and 1997. He did not enter two learned that he would play just an hour years ago. opponent, Marc Rosset, pulled out miles (200 kilometers) per bour, was a with a back injury, and Schalken, a 'lucky loser' carlier in the week, was drafted. He had lost in the qualifying quick," he said. "It was almost like tournament to Giorgio Galimberti of Italy, who is ranked 235th.

Schalken said be had planned to go home Tuesday. "I was planning to leave tonight, but

all the flights were full." he said. "I think I'll take Mr. Rosset ont for dinner

Karol Kucera, seeded No. 10, also Open semifinals a year ago, Rafter, the lost, 6-4, 6-3, to an Italian wild-card No. 4 seed, lost by 6-3, 6-7 (4-7), 6-4, entrant. Vincenzo Santopadre. Three Greg Rusedski and Joan Bjorkman lost on Monday.

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4. Amande Costrer, South Africa, 2,944
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6 Manica Seles, U.S., 2,644
7. Venus Williams, U.S., 2,615
8. Mary Pierce, France, 2,333
9 Conchita Martinez, Spain, 2,297
10. Irina Spainez, Romania, 2,177
11. Ivo Majali, Croatia, 2,146
12. Nathalic Tauziot, France, 1,976
13. Sandaria Teslud, France, 1,864
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Kucera (10), Slovakia, 6-4, 6-3.
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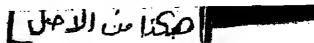
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·A Kid Named O'Neal **Bonds With Old-Timer**

Lakers' Coach Pushes Star to Take Charge

By Joe Drape

NGLEWOOD, California — Two kids bounce and roll on a big purple exercise ball in the middle of the locker room as a handful of Los Angeles Lakers wait to get to the showers. One of the kids is 18-month-old Chase Aldridge, the son of a front office employee.
The other is Shaquille O'Neal, who drops his 7-foot-1-inch, 315-pound frame to the ground and plays Gulliver.

It's hard to tell wbo's having more fun. Not far away, Del Harris, the 60-yearold coach of the Lakers who has a bachelor's degree in religion and a master's in history to go with more than 1,000 games of work in the National Basketball Association, talks seriously about his SI7-million-a-year center's

Shaq still allows the child in him to participate in his life." Harris said. "He still likes to have fun.

They are a mismatched pair, O'Neal and Harris. The big man is a rapper and sometime actor who has been known to electrify his own locker room with impromptu verse during post-game celebrations. His coach hemoans the fact that be is "not a '90s kind of guy" and tends to cite Harry Truman as an example of how the tenacious succeed.

One thing they share, bowever, is the burden of bringing a National Basketball Association title to an impatient glamour franchise that has gone 10 years without championship jewelry. "If we don't win, it's his fault first,

O'Neal said of his coach, only halfjoking. "Mine second." It appears it will be a while before

anyone has to divide up blame. The Lakers led Seattle, 3-1, in the Western Conference semifinals before the teams met Tuesday night in Seattle. The Lakers, the youngest team in the playoffs, are averaging 103 points a

playoff game, tops in the league. O'Neal has been at the center of the surge. He has scored 30 or more points in six of eight playoff games this

spring.
"I'm a coachable player," the 26year-old O'Neal insisted recently. "I may have come in with the young generation. But I listen. I don't make faces or talk back." Of Harris, O'Neal said: "He's the boss and I respect that. This is the world we live in."

O'Neal's thundering performances have done much to mute his world full of critics, who questioned whether his multimedia undertakings — acting and rapping — had helped leave his baskeiball promise unfulfilled.

For six years, O'Neal has been pro-

jected as a dominating presence. He has won a scoring title and been named one coaches, O'Neal was too willing to take of the NBA's top 50 players of all time. Still, he has never won a game in the championship series — in his only ap-pearance, 1995, his Orlando Magic team was swept by the Houston Rockets.

But Harris says the critics have been unable or unwilling to appreciate the range and nuances of O'Neal's efforts. He notes that O'Neal bas more assists per minntes played than any other center in the league. He points out that O'Neal got five votes for the NBA's all-defensive team, which is five more than last year. That goes with this year's 28.3-point scoring average, the league's highest field goal percentage (.583) and a top 10 finish in shot blocking.

We're asking him to do everything," Harris said. "To be our leading scorer, our leading rebounder and shot blocker. To beat the other big man down the court because he can. To draw the defense to him and do commercials. He deserves to be recognized as a great player because he is.

The coach is sincere in bis praise because, like O'Neal, he, too, knows how expectations quickly turn to criticism and how heavy a load that be-

Folksy and forgiving, Harris has been second-guessed in his fourth season for his bandling of players long on talent and temper.

Recently, Harris has heard the Lakers' owner, Jerry Buss, say publicly how badly he wants, he needs, a championship. Harris has heard about musing by the Chicago Bulls' coach, Phil Jackson, in a newspaper column that he might like the Lakers' job next year. So when Harris talks of O'Neal, there

"It's maturity and determination," said Harris, who in 12 NBA seasons has coached his way to the finals only once, in 1981 with the Rockets. "It's failing to achieve what you want to do enough times that you say. I really want this and maybe I won't bave as many chances, It's here today, let's go get it."

is a sense he is talking about himself,

The other day, O'Neal, up from the ground after horsing around with his toddler playmate, smiled affectionately when talking about Harris, his support and his old-fashioned ways. They have argued, be says, and O'Neal has been known to literally bump his bead against the wall when Harris's team meetings begin to meander. But it

always has stayed in the locker room.

Jerry. West, the Lakers' executive vice president of basketball operations, has watched O'Neal and Harris work on a relationship. West, a Laker legend himself, signed O'Neal two years ago and he has observed how the center's game and personality have begun to dominate contests. He credits Harris.

"Like Micbael or Magic, be's be-come the focus and will of this team," West said. 'When you have a young player, it takes time to get him where you want and it becomes wearing on both sides. But they've made it through some difficult times and now Shaq is seeing results. He sees what Del has been trying to do running the offense through him. He trusts him.

Harris helieves that O'Neal's up-bringing in a military household, while full of henefits, might have held the center back. First with his stepfather, Philip Harrison, and then through his

orders rather than give them.
"He expects someone to he in charge," Harris said. "I think that's one thing that has retarded his progress in becoming a leader himself. It's only now he's coming to terms with that it's O.K. to exercise his will and not step out

O'Neal has done so in the playoffs. He bas taken to calling his teammates 'my guys" and urged them to focus on their games while promising to carry them. He has got on his teammates through the newspapers — especially after a loss in Portland.

"They all read," O'Neal said with a wink. "I know what I'm doing."

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The Cardinals' Ron Gant sliding home to beat the tag of Brewers' catcher Mike Matheny. The Cards won, 7-0.

Cubs Rookie Sets Pitching Record

The Associated Press

Kerry Wood is a phenom if ever there was one. The 20-year-old Cuhs rookie set a major league record for strikeouts in consecutive starts, fanning 13 in a 4-2 victory against Arizona.

'I had no idea." Wood said after just his sixth start in the big leagues. "Great, I guess. To me, I had another good start

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and we won the ballgame. The record is

great, but it's just a bonus."
Coming off his record-tying 20strikeout performance last Wednesday against Houston, Wood needed only seven innings Monday to reach 33.

Throwing bigh, 97 mph fastballs and sharp, low-and-away sliders, Wood passed the previous total of 32 strikeouts in two games held by Nolan Ryan, Randy Johnson, Dwight Gooden and Luis Tiant.

"He was very impressive," said Devon White, who struck out leading off the first inning, "When we looked for off speed, he was throwing fastballs." Wood showed he could hit, too, with

a pair of run-scoring singles. His baserunning might need a bit of brushing up - he was caught in a rundown after taking a wide turn on bis first hit. Braves B, Reds 1 The Braves set a franchise record by homering in their 23d straight game as Andruw Jones connected twice and Andres Galarraga

hit a three-run shot at Cincinnati. Jones gave Atlanta its record with a three-run drive in the first inning. The National League record is 24 hy Brook-lyn in 1953, and the New York Yankees and Detroit Tigers share the major league record of 25. The Braves have hit

43 homers during their streak.

Greg Maddux (5-2) won his third straight start as Atlanta won for the 12th time in 14 games.

Cardinats 7, Browers 0 Todd Stot-tlemyre struck out 13 in eight impres-sive innings as St. Louis stopped a fourgame losing streak. Milwankee lost in its first visit to Busch Stadium since the 1982 World Series.

Stottlemyre allowed two hits in eight innings, and retired his final 18 batters. He walked none.

Ray Lankford broke an 0-for-14 slump with a two-run homer and two

doubles. Brian Jordan and Ron Gani also homered as Scott Karl (4-1) suffered his first loss of the season.

Padres 2. Mets 1 Kevin Brown outpitched former Marlins teammale Al Leiter, and Wally Jovner singled home the go-ahead run in the eighth inning at San Diego.

Brown, who started Game 6 of last year's World Series for Florida, won for the first time in five starts. Leiter, who started Game 7, pitched a five-hitter. New York had its four-game winning

streak stopped. The Mets had not played since Friday because of rain.

Astros 5, Marlins 2 Houston won for the 12th time in 15 games, taking advantage of a pair of sixth-inning errors to beat Livan Hernandez in Houston. Hernandez (2-3), the MVP of last year's World Series, struck out nine in

his first regular-season complete game. He gave up 11 hits and walked three. Phillies 5, Dodgers 2 Matt Beech earned his first victory of the season.

helping himself with a pair of bits at

Dodger Stadium. Philadelphia won its fifth in a row. Beech (1-2) gave up five hits in 63/3 innings. He went 2-for-3 and scored a run as the Phillies outhit Los Angeles

Giants 7, Expos 2 Barry Bonds and Jeff Kent hit consecutive bome runs, leading San Francisco over Montreal for its fifth straight home victory.

Pirates 5, Rockies 2 Jason Schmidt won his fourth straight decision, pitcbing Pittsburgb past visiting Colorado. Schmidt (5-1) did not win his fifth game last year until July 25. The Pirates

won for the fifth time in seven games.

Devil Rays' Pitcher Wows Indians and His Manager

ST. PETERSBURG. Florida - Rolando Arrojo impressed his manager as much in one inning as he had all season.

The Cuban defector had already pitched seven impressive innings Monday night against Cleveland Indians, to

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three-hit, complete-game follow shutouts against Minnesota and Kansas City, hefore the inning that drew special praise from Larry Rothschild, the Tampa Bay manager.

'The eighth inning was probably the most impressive inning he'd thrown all season, 'said Rothschild after the Devil Rays won, 4-2.

After giving up a leadoff double to Kenny Lofton, who scored on Omar Vizquel's single, the 29-year-old rookie got David Justice to hit into a force play, struck out Jim Thome and retired Manny Ramirez on a ground ball.

Rothschild had already decided Arrojo would not pitch his third straight complete game.

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"I don't want to diminish the importance of the ninth inning, but I can't keep running him out there nine innings at a stretch," said Rothschild, who brought on Roberto Hernandez. "He's too valuable, later in the summer, you'll regret it."

Arrojo (5-2) struck out six and walked two in eight innings.

Orioles 4, Twins 0 Scott Erickson pitched a five-hitter against his former team and Rafael Palmeiro and Roberto Alomar homered as resurgent Baltimore won in Minneapolis.

Erickson, who has allowed a major league-high 71 hits, sent the Twins to their second successive sbutout loss and their ninth loss in 13 games. Baltimore has won three of four.

Rangers 2, Red Sox 2 Rusty Greer, Kevin Elster and Ivan Rodriguez bomered at Arlington as Texas won its fourth straight.

Juan Gonzalez drove in two runs with a groundout, giving him a major league-leading 48 runs batted in. Rodriguez got his 1,000th career hit as Texas stopped Boston's three-game winning streak.

Alfredsson **Sparkles** As Senators **Top Capitals**

KANATA, Ontario - Daniel Alfredsson got his second hat trick of the Stanley Cup playoffs as the Ottawa Senators rebounded from two straight losses to the Washington Capitals in their Eastern Conference semifinal.

The Senators scored three powerplay goals and beld on for a 4-3 victory

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in a series that had seemed to be rapidly slipping away. Alfredsson, who slammed his slick

against the glass in frustration and was given a misconduct after Washington scored six goals on its last six sbots of Saturday night's 6-1 victory, scored all three of his goals in the first period to take over the goal-scoring lead in the playoffs with seven. The hat trick came against Olaf Kolzig, a goalie who had stopped 292 of the 308 shots he had faced in eight previous playoff games.

The Senators took control early on. Washington's Esa Tikkanen knocked a shot by Alfredsson into the Washington net on an Onawa power play just 5:24 into the game. Kolzig had no chance on the goal — he was lying helpless on his hack in the crease after a terrific pad

Alfredsson made it 2-0 at 8;17 when he redirected Randy Cunneyworth's centering pass from behind the net past Kolzig.

Sergei Gonchar retaliated for Washington with a similar goal, scoring on a power play midway through the period off a feed from Andrei Nikolishin, It was his fifth goal of the playoffs, tops among defensemen.

Alfredsson made it 3-1 with a nifty deflection at 16:58. Chris Phillips' shot from just inside the blue line bounced off a defenseman right to Alfredsson. and he caught Kolzig by surprise with a quick flip of his stick.

Washington closed to 3-2 on Peter Bondra's power-play goal just 1:08 into the second period. Bondra slapped in the rebound of a shot by Richard Zednik. Alexei Yashin scored his fifth goal of

the playoffs, at 10:54, to restore the Senators' two-goal lead. The jitters returned less than three minutes later when Zednik caught

Rhodes flatfooted, with a hard slap shot to make the score 4-3. Rhodes made 14 saves. His final save was a masterpiece and it came when it seemed the Capitals were going to spoil the night. Rhodes slid across the crease

and made a dazzling pad stop on Zednik with nine seconds left and Kolzig off for an extra attacker. The Senators have not lost in four playoff games at home.

Stars 1, Oilors 0 In Edmonton, Benoit Hogue scored at 13:07 of overtime to lift the Dallas Stars to victory.

Hogue rifled a high wrist shot over the left shoulder of the Oiler goaltender. Curtis Joseph, as the Stars took a twogames to-one lead in the series.

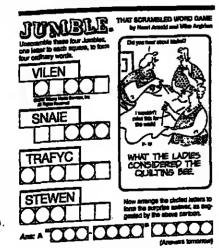
The goal came when an Oiler defenseman, Janne Niinimaa, who has been a tower of strength for Edmonton. botched a clearing attempt from his corner. Ed Belfour bested Joseph in a terrific goaltending duel, making 28 saves as the teams each bad 28 shots.

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Clanking Chains

By Russell Baker

TEW YORK - Why Kenneth Starr had Susan McDougal shipped in chains to Little Rock is not clear. My first guess was that he wanted to show his utter indifference swer grand jury questions to the black arts of public relations. A more slithery pros
Blomenthal looked challient ecutor might have reasoned that his image would suffer gravely if he were associated with a thousand TV clips showing a woman in chains.

quite obviously is not. 'Image be damned.' he must have said to himself. 'Let her film of McDougal in chains. be brought in chains.'

It won't do to say that chains are required by rules for moving convicts, because there was no apparent reason for moving Susan McDougal. She had made it amply clear beforehand that, if brought before his grand jury in Little Rock, she would not give Starr the testimony he craved. This, he seems to think, is stuff that nam, proceeded to Watergate would help him nail the Clin- and lurched on to whatevertons for criminal involvement gate historians may call it. in the Whitewater fiasco.

The beauty part for a prosecutor who is not worried about his image: There might be powerful advantages in those shots of McDougal chained. Surely they would be seen by Monica Lewinsky. She must have heard the subliminal message: "Monica, dear child, we have ways of making you talk."

That sexual branch of the vengeance politics bringing Starr investigations brings to out the absolute worst in the mind H.L. Menckeo's response when asked to comment oo the then shocking has probably started something statistics published in the we shall all regret, fun though it Kinsey Report on Human is in a dull season.

Sexuality. It just confirmed, said Mencken, what he had always suspected: that every-

body lies about his sex life. It would have been noted too by Sidney Blumenthal, the White House news spinner who recently refused to antelling the press he'd kept his lip buttoned. No spin secrets

out of this baby, news hawks. This week, however, a court ruled that White House work-The customary high-profile ers were legally obliged to tell prosecutor, of course, is think-everything about noncosmic everything about noncosmic ing of running for high office activities like spinning. Blu-after bagging his quarry. Starr menthal may now be called for menthal may now be called for

> "You hear the message, Sidney? Once we nail you, we can ship you around the country in chains and a blindingly bold orange jailhird suit."

> What would be the consequences of a presidency wrecked by Starr's zeal to turn up something that will justify his long, expensive investigations? A third national nightmare to round out a history that started with Viet-

> Clinton sympathizers think their man is the victim of conservative Republicans set on hounding him out of office, as many Republicans believe Richard Nixon was hounded out of office a generation ago.
>
> If the hounding socceeds, maybe even if it doeso't, we

> can expect a nasty time with people we call our leaders. Starr's rattling of the chains

A Biologist Dreams of the Unity of Knowledge

By Nicholas Wade New York Times Service

AMBRIDGE, Massachusetts — Laid out on a desk in Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology is a near array of white-sided boxes, each with pinned specimens of ants belonging to the genus Pheidole. Edward O. Wilson is writing a monograph on the genus, the world's largest. There are 326 new species, many of which he discovered himself, and each is in need of a precise description and a scientific name. The work is pure taxonomy, "scientific knithe calls it.

The "knitting" is oo doubt mental relaxation from the soaring works of synthesis that are Wilson's other passion. Or maybe both are the products, oo different scales, of a mind that loves to classify and discover patierns in the world's unruly substance.

In an alternative fate, Wilson might have been an obscure expert oo the ants of Alabama, his home state. But at each stage of his career he has looked outward, trying to see how the scholarly patch he had cultivated might fit into some larger scheme of things. And because so few scholars dare to explore beyond the boundaries of their own parrow fields. Wilson has produced an original work of syothesis time after time.

His first foray outside the ant microcosm was "The Insect Societies," published in 1971, which surveyed the evolution of sociality among wasps, ants, bees, and ter-mites. It seemed only logical to extend the synthesis to vertebrates, humans included, though no oot else had attempted so obvious a task. "Sociohiology" appeared in 1975, immediately falling onder political attack from leftist colleagues who objected to the idea that certain human behaviors might have genetic determinants.

"He was taken to task in an onfair way," says Thomas Eisner, a Cornell University hiologist and longtime friend, "hut his ideas are not arrived at lightly." The ideas of sociobiology were many years in the mak-

ing, Eisner says.
Wilson was hlindsided and bruised by the attack but undeterred. He expanded his ideas about the mind's genetic history in "Oo Human Nature," which appeared in 1978. Then he turned to other matters, like writing a comprehensive survey of ants with his colleague Bert Hoelldohler and becoming a champion for the world's disappearing rain



Edward Wilson and his large-scale model of a Central American leaf ant.

the theme of genes and human nature. His These rules, the sum of which is human new work of synthesis is called, a little nature, define the framework in which ecoforhiddingly, "Consilience," a word coined by the 19th-century philosopher of science William Whewell to mean the melding of inferences drawn from separate subjects. Wilson has resurrected it as the slogan for a program of unrivaled amhirion: to unify all under the banner of science and in particular being led by the new approach to the brain

The kind of unification he proposes is the outright intellectual annexation that occurs when one field of knowledge becomes explainable in terms of a more fundamental discipline, as when thermodynamics (heat processes) was explained in terms of statistical mechanics (equations describing the movement of molecules). These putsches which always constitute major advances yet are usually not much welcomed by scholars in gidly determined. the discipline being taken over — are termed "reductions" by philosophers of science.

How can economics, oot to mention religion and esthetics, be reduced to molecular biology? Wilson believes this will come about as hiologists work out the behavioral meural wiring that merely predisposes the his path ever since. "I set goals which are usually rather distant and hard to get to, like pointing toward higher mountains," he says.

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Twenty years later, Wilson has returned to rules that evolution has huilt into the brain. oomic, religious and aesthetic decisions are made and so should, he says, be made fun-

dameotal to those branches of study. Wilson is well aware that people do not always warm to the idea of having their higher cognitive functions explained in terms of genetic programming. But he can see the revolution coming, the vanguard called evolutionary psychology (another name for sociobiology, in his view).

Karl Marx, Wilson once joked when talking about ants, was correct: He just applied his theory to the wrong species. Ant societies, of course, are very different from the biped variety, but one commoo feature is the inherited nature of social behavior. Like any other feature of an organism, behavior can be shaped by evolution. Ants have evolved quite elaborate behaviors, but most are ri- straight line through the forest. Try to go

Human behaviors have also evolved for the purpose of survival. But unlike the pro-

brain to favor certain types of actioo.

If the essence of human nature is sketched out by the genes, it follows that the major branches of knowledge — sociology, economics, ethics, and theology — are shaped by the mind's genetic framework and rest on a foundation of epigenetic rules. The unified tree of knowledge, as envisaged in "Consilience When physics are in sect localization." silience," has physics at its root, leading to a trunk of chemistry, molecular biology and genetics, and everything else as its

Wilson criticizes anthropologists and social scientists for having boxed themselves into ideological positions that deny any role for hiologically based human nature. He faolts economists for "closing off their theory from serious biology and psychology."
Hence, economics is "still mostly urelevant" and the esteem that economists enjoy "arises not so much from their record of success as from the fact that business and

government have oowhere else to turn." Ethicists, too, he says, have slipped into the fallacy of ignoring biological origins, in their case the origins of the moral instincts that govern behavior. Religioo, in Wilson's view, also has epigenetic roots; it evolved from the human equivalent of animals' submissive behavior, and because belief in the supernatural conferred a survival value. Wilson realizes that he would not now win many votes for this proposition. "The human mind evolved to believe in the gods, "he writes. "It did not evolve to believe in hiology."

Darwinism is still an affroot to many established ways of thought, and "Consilience," published by Knopf, is not a conciliatory book. It contains enough to disconcert almost everyone. The vigor and aggressiveness of its judgmeots contrast with the elegance of the writing and the mild and courteous nature of its author. Wilsoo, who is 68, grew up imhued with a respect for social order and civility, but in the course of overcoming personal handicaps and a dif-ficult childhood he acquired an independent mind. "Ed, doo't stay on trails when you collect insects," an adviser told him at the outset of his career: "You should walk in a over any barrier you meet. It's hard, hut that's the best way to collect." A straight line to faraway peaks has been

PEOPLE

NO ONE steals the show from Jerry Seinfeld. Security cameras caught fans looting the set of "Seinfeld" a few days after the taping of the show's final episode on April 11, according to The New Yorker. The magazine said writers and other staffers from a neighboring show sneaked onto the set combined elements of both endings created by Monteverdi. and stole salt and pepper shakers from the coffee shop where the characters hang out. One person used a knife to pry the intercom from the wall in Jerry's apartment. A few days later, one of the looters got a call from Seinfeld, who apparently wanted the intercom for his own collection of memorabilia. The looter at first denied taking the intercom, The New Yorker said, but theo fessed up and returned it. He still has a Polaroid photograph of himself with the intercom.

The actors Matt Damon and Ed Norton showed up at the annual World Series of Poker in Las Vegas, Nevada. The actors, who play poker players in the movie "Rounders," entered the no-limit Texas Hold'ern contest, which has an estimated purse of \$1 million. Damon sat with one of the country players, Doyle Brunson, "I just don't want to be the first one

out," Damon said. He was gone three hours later.

Well known for creating dances in places like New York rooftops, museum walls, the edges of buildings and floating rafts, the choreographer Trisha Brown is in Brussels to direct Monteverdi's "Orfeo" at La Monnaie. To create movement

oew approach to the tale based on Greek myth, she has

Mstislav Rostropovich will perform three works for cello as a part of the National Symphony Orchestra's Russian Festival, at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington.

Stalking Lizzie Borden's Lawyer

The Associated Press

S PRINGFIELD, Massachusetts — Researchers want Lizzie Borden's lawyer to come clean. Some 105 years after she was acquitted of killing her parents, papers relating to her trial are locked up at the Springfield law Researchers say the claims of history override the ohligation of confidentiality the lawyer had to his client.

In particular, they want to know whether the files contain the Holy Grail of Borden scholarship: a confession. But a lawyer for the Massachusetts Board of Bar Over-seers says: "The duty to protect confidential information survives death in Massachusetts. That's clear.'

and gesture to amplify the emotional and moral power of the 1607 opera about the death-defying power of love and art, Brown gave the entire cast of 60 singers dance training. In a ductor laureate, back to the National Symphony for the first time since 1994. His performance Thursday will be his first with the orchestra under the direction of Leonard Slatkin.

> Prince Johan Friso, second in line to the Dutch throne, will work as a hanker for Goldman Sachs starting in August, Dutch oewspapers have reported. The 29-year-old prince will be based in Loodon, dealing with mergers and takeovers.

The manuscript of Igor Stravinsky's "Sacre du Printemps" has gone oo display at the Pierpont Morgan Library in New York in an exhibitioo of manuscripts and letters of some 60 leading composers of the 20th century. Among them are Bela Bartok, Pierre Boulez, John Cage, Gustav Mahler, Arnold Schoenberg, Dmitri Shostakovich and Anton Webern. The exhibition. Settling New Scores: Music Manuscripts From the Paul Sacher Foundation," runs through Aug. 30.

The Clintoo loyalist James Carville is writing a book for Simon & Schuster on the independent counsel Kenneth Starr and those he calls "the president's enemies." Its tentative title ... And the Horse You Rode In On." The book may come out in the fall. Its author has few concerns that Starr's investigation will be over hy then.



Matt Damon weighing the odds in Las Vegas.



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